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NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

February 4, 1938

17-8-36

Dr Rayford W Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr Logan:

I am somewhat tardy in replying to your letter of January 4 with regard to the proposed celebration of Dr Du Bois' 70th birthday.

I am glad to enclose my check for $5.00 as a contribution to this fund and hope at a later date to be able to make reservations for the dinner on February 23.

Sincerely,

Elmer S. Imes

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

March 5, 1938

Birthday

Dr W E B Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr Du Bois:

12-17-44

The arrival of the souvenir from the recent celebration in Atlanta has made me more acutely conscious of my disappointment at not having been able to be present in person.

I had hoped up to the last minute that I could come down and had realized that the occasion would be extremely enjoyable, but until I talked last night with Jim Johnson about what actually happened and read this morning your 'Pageant in Seven Decades' I had no real idea of what I had missed.

It has always been with pleasure and with pride that I have listened to you speak or read what you have written, but I think I have never quite reached the state of mind in which I find myself after reading your 'Pageant'.

Please accept for whatever they are worth to you my feliciations on your extraordinary experiences in the past seventy years and the expression of my hope that these years will be continued as long as you still have things to say and wish to say them.

Very sincerely yours,

Elmer S. Imes

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12-17-45

March 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Imes:

Thank you very much for your letter of March fifth. I appreciate your good words and felicitations.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Elmer S. Imes
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

St. James Presbyterian Church
St. Nicholas Avenue, at 141st Street
New York City

February 18, 1938

Dear Dr. Logan:-

It is with profound thanks that I have received the invitation for the testimonial to Dr. DuBois, honoring him on his seventieth birthday.

It is with equally profound regret, also, that I am unable to be present and share in the joy of this good occasion so richly deserved by this very able and distinguished man--one of the all too few in any race or nation.

Please assure Dr. DuBois of my sincere and continued esteem, and that his years of strong and useful service for our people and for all the oppressed have not been, nor ever can be in vain.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Lloyd Imes
Minister

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Secretary,
DuBois Birthday Fund,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dictated but not personally signed:

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INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE

For the Re-election of

ROBERT F. WAGNER

for **UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Headquarters

122 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 701
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chairman:
ROBERT E. DOWLING

Campaign Manager:
GEORGE R. VAN NAMEE

October 10, 1938.

Request to Speak

17-3-11

Mr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois,
210 W. 150th St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. DuBois:

We are now in the process of forming a Committee for the re-election of Senator Robert F. Wagner.

Senator Wagner is most desirous of having you accept membership on such Committee. We would much appreciate it if you would signify your acceptance of such membership by returning to us the enclosed card. As we are desirous of announcing the membership of the Committee within the next few days, we should appreciate it if you would return the card to us today.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Dowling.

ROBERT E. DOWLING,
Chairman.

G. R. Van Namee

GEORGE R. VAN NAMEE,
Campaign Manager.

[Independent Citizens Committee for the Reelection of Robert F. Wagner]

October 13, 1938

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My dear Sir:

I should be very glad to endorse Robe t F. Wagner for United States senator but I am no longer a resident of New York City having removed to Atlanta in September where I am teaching.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert E. Dowling
Wagner Campaign Headquarters
122 East 42nd Street
New York City

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17-81-47

New York, New York
September 22, 1938

Dear Mr. DuBois:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been elected to membership in the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

By accepting this invitation, you associate yourself with other Americans who believe that the studies and conferences of the Institute in the United States and the ten other member countries are contributing a new and important body of knowledge to the study of the relations of the people and governments of the Pacific area.

The members advance the Council's work either by adding to its intellectual resources or by increasing its income or by making its publications and studies more widely known.

If you would like to have further information before accepting this invitation, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick V. Field

Enc.

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-18-41

September 28, 1938

My dear Sir:

I shall be glad to become a member of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations. I know of its work and sympathize with it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Frederick V. Field
American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations
129 East 52nd Street
New York City

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64-81-17

New York, New York
October 4, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois:

On behalf of the officers and members of the American Council may I express a sincere welcome to membership.

In order that you may be more fully informed concerning the work of the American Council I am sending you a copy of our 1937 Annual Report. For a period of three months we shall also be pleased to send you the Far Eastern Survey. Subsequently we regret that we can send this fortnightly research service only to those of our members who make some financial contribution to our work.

It is our particular hope to extend the work of the American Council in the South. We hope that perhaps during the coming year we may have one of our regional conferences somewhere in the general area. If you have any suggestions as to how we may be of more effective service in the South, please let me know. If there are any ways in which we may be of service to you, please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret R. Taylor

Margaret R. Taylor
Membership and Financial Secretary

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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New York, New York
December 2, 1938

17-18-50

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr.DuBois:

During the past months, the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations has had to expand its program in many directions to meet the demands placed on it by the present Far Eastern war situation.

It is unnecessary to point out to you the very vital importance of our work in these crucial times. An increasing number of men and women here and abroad are seeking the services of the American Council in making available scientific, objective information on Far Eastern problems. As a consequence of the war situation, and to continue our long-term program, we need to enlarge our research activities, to increase the quality and usefulness of our books, libraries, the FAR EASTERN SURVEY, and our public information and educational services.

We are requesting each of our members to make a financial contribution this year, for we are urgently in need of funds to continue our program on its present level. We earnestly hope you will find it possible to contribute $10 to $20.

I am enclosing a description of some of our present activities, and a list of our recent publications. Also enclosed is a card and envelope to facilitate the sending of a contribution. We sincerely hope you will be able to help us.

With deep appreciation of any contribution you send us, I am

Faithfully yours,

Margaret R. Taylor

Margaret R. Taylor
Financial Secretary

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New York City
December 8, 1938

To the Members of the American Council:

You will find enclosed the certificate of incorporation and by-laws of the American Council which have been drafted by a sub-committee of the Executive Commitee and approved by the latter. For purposes of comparison you will also find enclosed a copy of the American Council constitution and by-laws under which we now operate.

While the Executive Committee recommends the new certificate of incorporation and by-laws for your adoption, it has instructed me to circulate them among the entire membership in advance of the Annual Meeting, called for December 20th, so that any comments which you may have can be given full consideration. If approval of the new form of organization is secured, the transfer from the old organization to the incorporated body can be taken care of at the Annual Meeting and in the weeks immediately following.

May I urge that you give this matter your prompt attention?

Sincerely yours,

Frederick V. Field

December 9, 1938

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

of

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, INC.

We, the undersigned, being all of full age and citizens of the United States and a majority of whom are citizens of the District of Columbia, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to and in conformity with Sub-Chapter Three of Chapter Eighteen of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be

The American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Inc.

SECOND: The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

THREE: The particular business and objects of the corporation shall be:

To promote the study of the problems of the peoples and nations of the Pacific area by means of cooperation with the Institute of Pacific Relations by stimulating attention to these problems on the part of others and by means of such research and educational methods as discussion conferences, language and other schools, Far Eastern seminars, international conferences, study groups, publications, and other lawful and appropriate methods.

In pursuance of and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by law, and the objects and purposes herein set forth, it is expressly provided that this Corporation shall also have the following powers:

To do all such acts as are necessary or convenient to attain the objects and purposes herein set forth, to the same extent and as fully as any natural person could or might do, and as are not forbidden by law or

by this certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws of this Corporation.

As a non-profit Corporation, none of the income of which shall accrue to any member, to purchase, lease, hold, receive by gift, devise or bequest, sell, mortgage, or otherwise acquire or dispose of such real or personal property as may be necessary to the purposes of this Corporation.

To have offices and promote and carry on its objects and purposes, within or without the District of Columbia, and in the states or territories of the United States and in foreign countries.

To have all powers that may be conferred upon corporations formed under Sub-Chapter Three of Chapter Eighteen of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia.

FOURTH: The property of the officers, trustees and members of this Corporation shall not be subject to or chargeable with the payment of corporate debts or obligations.

FIFTH: The Board of Trustees shall have power to make by-laws for the government of the Corporation and to alter, change or amend the same.

SIXTH: The principal office of this Corporation in the District of Columbia shall be located at No. 3417 Quebec Street, N.W., in the City of Washington.

SEVENTH: The meetings of the members and of the trustees of this Corporation may be held in the District of Columbia, or elsewhere within the confines of the United States or its possessions.

EIGHTH: The number of trustees of this Corporation for the first year of existence shall be fifty.

WITNESS our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight.

_____(L.S.)

_____(L.S.)

_____ _____(L.S.)

Witness

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ss.:

I, , a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that , and , parties to a certificate of incorporation bearing date of December , 1938, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me in said District, the said , and , being personally known to me as the persons who executed the said certificate of incorporation and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this day of December, 1938.

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BY-LAWS

of

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

ARTICLE I.

Meetings of the Corporation.

Section 1. The main offices and place of business of the Corporation shall be in the City of San Francisco, California, and in the City of New York, New York, and the Corporation shall also have an office at such other place or places as the Board of Trustees may from time to time determine.

Section 2. The Corporation shall hold its annual meeting for the election of trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, at five o'clock in the afternoon, on the third Tuesday of February in each year, at a place to be specified in the notice of such meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the Secretary upon the request of the Chairman or of the Board of Trustees, or on the written request of ten per cent of the members.

Section 4. Notice of all meetings shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days before the meeting.

Section 5. At all meetings one-third of the total membership shall constitute a quorum, but less than a quorum shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present.

ARTICLE II.

Members.

Section 1. The present members and such others as shall become associated with them under the conditions of the By-laws shall be members of the Corporation so long as they comply with the By-laws.

Section 2. Members refusing or failing to comply with the By-laws, or for other good and sufficient cause, may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Any person may become a member by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting at which a quorum is present. Any person may also become a member by the vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee at any meeting of said Committee.

ARTICLE III.

Board of Trustees.

Section 1. It is the policy of this Corporation that its members shall be represented upon the Board of Trustees pro rata according to their geographical distribution. The Board of Trustees shall from time to time establish such geographical divisions of members as said Board in its discretion shall believe will best carry out the intent of the foregoing, and shall determine the number of Trustees to be elected from each such geographical division on the basis of the ratio of members in such division to the total number of members. At least 45 days prior to the annual meeting the Nominating Committee as hereinafter constituted shall nominate persons to be chosen as Trustees from each such division at such annual meeting of members andshall cause the names of the persons so nominated to be printed upon the form of proxy sent to each member with the notice of meeting. All members regardless of geographical division shall be entitled to vote for

the Trustees to be elected from each division and such form of proxy sent to each member shall be so worded that each member may instruct his proxy or proxies for which of said nominees or for such other person or persons such member desires his vote to be cast. Trustees elected as aforesaid shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until the election and qualification of their respective successors.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall hold an annual meeting on the third Tuesday of February in each year immediately after the annual meeting of the Corporation.

Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called at any time by the Secretary upon the request of the Chairman or of two members of the Board.

Section 3. Notice of all regular meetings of the Board shall be given by mail to each Trustee at least one week, and notice of all special meetings at least one day, before the meeting, and all notices of special meetings shall state the business to be brought before the meeting.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall have and exercise full power in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

Section 5. One-third of the Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at all meetings.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chairman, one or more Vice Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and there may be one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers.

Section 2. The Chairman shall perform the duties usually pertaining to the office of President and the Secretary those usually pertaining to his

office. The Treasurer shall collect, receive, deposit and invest the funds of the Corporation as directed by the Board of Trustees, and shall have full power to give full and proper acquittances in the name of the corporation for bequests, devises, grants and other gifts. The Board of Trustees by resolution shall provide by whom and the manner in which funds of the Corporation shall be disbursed. The Treasurer shall have power, from time to time, to execute and deliver, and to affix the seal of the Corporation to leases of properties rented by the Corporation, certificates acknowledging satisfaction of judgments and mortgages, assignments of mortgages, extensions of mortgages and transfers of and powers of attorney to transfer and proxies to vote upon stocks, bonds and other securities standing in the name of the Corporation. A corporation or person transferring any stocks, bonds or other securities, pursuant to a transfer or assignment so executed, shall be fully protected and shall be under no duty to inquire whether or not the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee have taken action in respect thereof.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and have qualified. The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V.

Executive Committee.

Section 1. There shall be a standing committee of the Trustees to be known as the Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Corporation ex-officio, and at least three other members of the Board of Trustees to be elected by the Board at its annual meeting and to hold office for one year or until his successor is elected. In case of a vacancy, the same may be filled by the Board of Trustees at any meeting, or, in the interim between meetings of the Board, may be filled temporarily by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Corporation shall be respectively Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee. The Committee may make such rules and regulations as from time to time it may deem proper for its government and for the transaction of business of which it may have charge, except as herein otherwise provided, and shall make formal reports of its action to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

Section 3. A quorum of the Executive Committee for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority thereof but less than a quorum shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present.

Section 4. Subject to the direction of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee shall have the immediate charge, management and control of the general activities and business affairs of the Corporation, and it shall have full power, in the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Trustees, to do any and all things in relation to the affairs of the Corporation and to exercise any powers of the Board of Trustees which are not specifically required by law or these By-laws to be exercised by the full Board.

ARTICLE VI.

Nominating Committee.

Section 1. There shall be a standing committee of the Trustees to be known as the Nominating Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Corporation ex-officio and at least three members of the Board of Trustees to be elected by the Board at its annual meeting and to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. A quorum of said Committee shall consist of a majority thereof. In case of a vacancy, the same may be filled by the Board of Trustees at any meeting, or, in the interim between meetings of the Board, may be filled temporarily by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. A quorum of the Nominating Committee for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority thereof but less than a quorum shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall make the nominations for the office of trustees as set forth in Section 1 of Article III of these By-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

Other Committees.

Section 1. The Board of Trustees may from time to time create other committees from among its members or the members of the Corporation and delegate to such committees any powers of the Board of Trustees which are not specifically required by these By-laws to be exercised by the full Board. In addition the Board of Trustees from time to time may create committees of members to assist in carrying on the work of the Corporation and may confer upon committees such powers and jurisdiction as the Board may in its discretion determine consistent with law and these By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

Fiscal Year and Audit.

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on the first day of January and end on the following thirty-first day of December. The books and accounts of the Corporation for each fiscal year shall be examined and audited by chartered public accountants to be selected by the Board of Trustees, and a copy of their audit and report, together with a copy of the annual report of the Treasurer, shall be sent to each Trustee before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

Seal.

Section 1. The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the Corporation and the year of its incorporation.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to each Trustee in writing with the notice of such meeting.

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C O N S T I T U T I O N
of the
AMERICAN COUNCIL
of the
INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of the Council is to cooperate with the Institute of Pacific Relations as the American unit thereof in studying the conditions of the Pacific peoples and their relations with each other.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. Membership in the Council shall be limited to citizens of the United States.

2. Candidates for membership in the Council shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

3. Members shall be elected by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, except that when the Board is not in session this function shall be delegated to the Executive Committee.

4. Candidates for office in the Council and for membership on the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Candidates may be nominated in writing by ten members of the Council, but such nomination shall not be valid unless notice thereof shall have been given to all the members at least four weeks before the time of election. The sending of such notice by the Secretary by mail or telegraph to the recorded address of each member shall be deemed to fulfill the requirements of this Section.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Trustees

There shall be a Board of Trustees elected by the Council consisting of not more than fifty persons, who shall carry into effect the general policies laid down by the Council, and who shall be responsible for the conduct of all its activities. The property and funds of the Council shall be vested in the Board of Trustees. The members of the Board shall be divided into three groups of approximately equal numbers. The term of service of each group shall be three years, or until their successors shall be elected, the term of one group expiring each year.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than sixteen members of the Board of Trustees, elected annually by the Board. It shall have the immediate direction of the activities of the Council, subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Trustees, and shall exercise all the powers of the Board when the Board is not in session except as otherwise expressly directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

The officers of the Council shall be a Chairman, one or more Vice Chairmen, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting. In case of a vacancy, the unexpired term may be filled by action of the Board of Trustees. The term of service of these officers shall be one year, or until the election of their successors, unless otherwise expressly provided by vote of Council. Other officers may be appointed by the Board of Trustees for the performance of such duties and for such terms of service as it may determine. The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee, and shall serve respectively as Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer thereof.

ARTICLE VII

Pacific Council

The representative of the American Council in the Pacific Council as provided by the Constitution of the Institute of Pacific Relations shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

1. The Council shall appoint at each annual meeting, to serve until the end of the next succeeding annual meeting, or until their successors shall have been appointed, the standing committees designated in this Article, to perform the functions herein severally assigned to them. Vacancies occurring in any committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members of the Council. It shall be their duty to nominate in due season the candidates for membership and for office in the Council and the Board of Trustees.

3. The Finance Committee shall consist of not more than nine members. Its duty shall be to advise the Board of Trustees in regard to financial matters and to cooperate with the officers in securing an adequate support for the activities of the Council.

4. The Research Committee shall have general charge of the studies carried on under the authority of the Council with a view to securing an adequate contribution to the program of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

5. The Education Committee shall supervise those functions of the Council which have to do with its public education activities, including relationships to national organizations, information and publicity and the program of the biennial conference.

ARTICLE IX

National and Local Activities

1. The Council, through its Executive, Research and Education Committees, shall seek the cooperation of existing international, national and local organizations, with a view to securing widespread study of Pacific questions. Every reasonable effort shall be made to stimulate such study in communities throughout the country, through already established organizations rather than by means of new machinery under Institute auspices.

2. With the approval of the Executive Committee, members resident in one community or region may associate themselves as an autonomous local or regional group for the purpose of carrying on their own organized activities or of cooperating with other organizations in the same territory. Such a group may, upon its application, be registered by the Council as a body affiliated with it.

3. With the approval of the Executive Committee, an organization existing or formed in any locality or region for purposes similar to those of the Institute may, upon its application, be registered by the Council as a body affiliated with it.

4. With the approval of the Executive Committee, local or regional committees consisting of or containing one or more members of the Council may be formed, and upon application be registered as committees affiliated with it, for the purpose of stimulating the study of Pacific questions through the agency of appropriate special committees of existing societies organized for general, civic, social, political, religious or educational purposes.

ARTICLE X

Secretariat

The Secretariat shall be the instrument of the Council for carrying on its work. It shall be directed by the Secretary who shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be assisted by a staff appropriate for the work of the Secretariat as carried on in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Council.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

1. An annual meeting of the National Council shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by the Council or the Executive Committee on not less than one month's notice given by the Secretary to each member. Special meetings may be called by

the Chairman and shall be called at the written request of ten members on not less than one month's notice provided that specific information as to the business to be transacted is sent to each member. Any member who is unable to attend a meeting of the Council may designate a proxy whose vote shall be valid only as to proposals which have been communicated to his principal with the notice of the meeting or as to which the principal's written instructions determining the voting of the proxy shall have been received before a vote is taken.

2. Meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee shall be held at stated intervals to be fixed by them respectively. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman at any time after consultation with the members as to their convenience.

ARTICLE XII

Finances

The Treasurer shall receive and have the custody of the funds of the Council and shall disburse the same subject to such regulations as the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee shall prescribe.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendment

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the Council provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to the members not later than one month before the meeting at which a vote thereon is to be taken.

Adopted November 5, 1927.

BY LAWS

of the

AMERICAN COUNCIL

I. Eighteen members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the American Council.

II. All those invited to membership in the American group at the biennial conferences of the Institute are automatically elected to membership in the American Council for the ensuing period.

III. In the event of there not being a quorum present at a meeting of the American Council, the members present may adjourn the said meeting to another time and place.

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

In eleven countries national councils of the Institute are pooling the intellectual resources of universities, banks, commercial houses, newspapers and governments for the study of the mutual relations of the Pacific peoples.

The Institute in the United States has urged the study of Pacific civilizations simultaneously with those of the Atlantic. The results of an Institute study made in 1931 revealed that in the preceding ten years American foundations and universities had awarded to American scholars 3,473 fellowships for study abroad. Of these, only 44, or 1.27 per cent, were awarded to students for study in the Pacific areas, about whose borders half the population of the world lives. Following this study the Guggenheim Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Rhodes Trust and other bodies have awarded more fellowships for study in the Far East.

The Institute's activities are carried on through study groups, the interchange of manuscripts, the travels of members of the National Councils and of the International Secretariat, the issuing by leading publishers of books representing years of research, the publication of international and national periodicals such as Pacific Affairs, Far Eastern Survey, I.P.R. Notes, Tikhii Okean, International Affairs, Austral-Asiatic Bulletin, Politique Etrangère and Bulletin of the Colonial Institute of Amsterdam. Experiments are being made in shortening the time needed to learn the Chinese, Japanese and Russian languages. Far Eastern studies in schools and universities have been promoted. Small reference libraries specializing on the Far East are maintained by the American Council in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Honolulu.

While financial contributions are voluntary, each member is invited to contribute annually to the support of the Council. Contributions vary widely: $5 or $10 from those on modest salaries, and $25 to $500 from those with larger incomes. There are several gifts of one to five thousand dollars from individuals and companies.

All members of the American Council receive the Annual Reports, notices of all publications, and reports on special projects. The staff maintained in the American Council offices in New York, San Francisco and Honolulu answer requests from members for specific information. The fortnightly research service, Far Eastern Survey, edited by Russell G. Shiman, is sent to all members for a period of three months after joining and subsequently only to contributors. Those who contribute ten dollars or more a year receive as well the Institute's quarterly, Pacific Affairs, edited by Owen Lattimore.

Among those who have been active in building up the work of the American Council are the late Newton D. Baker, Isaiah Bowman, Jerome D. Greene, Thomas W. Lamont, Nathaniel Peffer, Quincy Wright, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Carl L. Alsberg, Ada L. Comstock, Frank C. Atherton, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Nicholas Murray Butler, Miss Pearl Buck, Ray Lyman Wilbur, T. A. Bisson, Carroll Binder, James G. McDonald, Wallace M. Alexander, Stephen P. Duggan, James T. Shotwell, Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson.

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NEW ADDRESS
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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

April 19th. 1938

Dear Doctor:-

It might be of interest to you to learn that the International African Service Bureau is undertaking a project of great scope and significance to Africans and people of African descent throughout the world.

An International African Culture week, embodying arts and crafts, literature, science and music, is tentatively planned for June 24th through July 2nd inclusive, when works representative of all phases of African culture will be exhibited.

We feel that we do not need to emphasise to a writer of your distinction the importance of acquainting the British and European public with African cultural achievement. For the prevalent view, as you know, is that the African has made "no contribution to civilisation", and therefore is unworthy of a place among civilised peoples. The present political tendency in Europe is to find a solution of European difficulties at the expense of the African who is considered "not yet able to stand by himself under the strenuous conditions of the modern world."

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The International African Service Bureau feels that in order to counter this tendency, which is so detrimental to Africans and people of African descent under Imperialist rule, it is necessary to present concrete examples of African achievements which have rightfully won them a place among civilised peoples in spite of all the obstacles which beset their path.

We know that the American Negro has made his contribution in spite of limited opportunities, and history cannot disown it.

The achievements of Africans and peoples of African descent under British and European rule in the new world and in the homeland are comparatively unknown. Therefore the time is opportune for us to combat propaganda directed against us by presenting our side of the case. We know that this undertaking in itself will not solve our problem, but it will be a means of bringing our disabilities to notice.

As there will be a section entirely devoted to the American Negro, the Executive Committee solicit your co-operation as follows -

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1. To act as a Patron

2. To send autographed copies of such books written by you as you can spare.

We shall appreciate your giving this matter your immediate attention, and we shall be greatly obliged by a reply at your earliest convenience, together with such suggestions as may occur to you.

Yours Faithfully,

W. E. Harrison

Acting Secretary.

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17th. May, 1938.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

The Executive Committee of the International African Service Bureau is certain that you will interest yourself in the work of the Bureau, provided that you are made fully aware of its existence, activities and programme. I have been thus advised to write to you to set forward briefly what the Bureau is:-

1. The International African Service Bureau is an organisation which is devoted to the interests of the people of Africa, of the West Indies, and of South America, who are primarily known as subjects under the yoke of European Imperialism.

2. The Bureau is also interested in Africans and people of African descent living under their own sovereignty e.g. Hayti and Liberia, and those who by historical circumstances are minority citizens of such sovereign states as Cuba, Brazil, and the U.S.A. In short our interest is not confined to geographical boundaries, but extends to spiritual and racial sentiments which may be looked at as integral.

3. The organisation has now been in existence for a year, but during that time it has already established itself in Great Britain and elsewhere as a vigilant guardian of the interests of the peoples of Africa and The West Indies.

4. It has had many questions asked in the Parliament of Great Britain on immediate problems affecting the lives of millions of our peoples in Africa and the West Indies. such as (a) the land question in Kenya. In this country 15,000 Europeans are at present to be found as settlers and have alienated 85% of the best land from the nearly 4,000,000 African peoples who are reduced to a state of complete serfdom. (b) the Ethiopian refugees fleeing from Italian fascism to Isolo Kenya, were in danger of being sent back to their enemies because of the fears of the Kenya settlers that they might

incite the Africans to revolt. The Bureau through Parliament and mass agitation was able to prevent the return of these galant Ethiopian citizens.

5. SEDITION ORDINANCES: Sedition Ordinances are now in vogue throughout the entire colonial empires of Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal and Holland, but the application of these ordinances are aimed primarily at the Africans and peoples of African descent who form the majority of the population. In West Africa, Wallace Johnson, Secretary of the West African Youth League(an organisation with a mild programme for social and educational reforms) and Nnamdi Azikiwe then editor of the African Morning Post, Accra(formerly instructor of Political Science, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.) were charged and convicted of publishing a seditious article. According to the Attorney-General "It was intended to arouse ill-feeling against the white citizens" who do not amount to even 1% of the population. Books and periodicals commonly sold and to be found in Britain and other Democratic countries, whether religious or otherwise, a re banned as seditious, and if found in the possession of an African, they make him liable to prosecution, fine, and penal servitude, ranging from 6 months to 5 years. We are at present fighting against this slave code.

6. The Bureau's activity in regard to the Trinidad Strike is widely known in England and the testimony of the Trinidad people themselves is the greatest tribute that a people can pay to an organisation for unselfish service.

7. The present cocoa strike on the Gold Coast and the barrage of questions fired at the Secretary of State for the Colonies contributed materially to the sending of the Cocoa Commission to the Gold Coast. At the time of writing we are endeavouring to bring pressure upon Parliament to send a Commission to Jamaica to look into the recent disturbances which led to loss of life in that island. These are some of the major activities that have engaged our attention since our formation.

"But why tell us about them?" you may ask. We submit them precisely because we feel that although you have your troubles in America, it will help you fully to understand the extent of our commitment and the terrible conditions under which your racial kin is forced to live - nay, to exist, even in their own country. So when you are asked to combine with other terrorised minorities like the Jews in Germany, Poland and Austria, or the Spanish people who are the victims of Spanish aggression; or when further you are asked to protest against Japanese invasion of China - Remember - do remember that Africa and African peoples 100,000,000 strong in Africa and the West Indies are but puppets of a soulless splendour under the iron heel of European Imperialism in British East Africa, Portuguese Africa and the Belgian Congo. In South Africa they

are 100% worse off than your Afro-American share-croppers in the South. Take the South - yes! your South, with all of its racial arrogance, is a garden of Eden when compared with the above recorded sections of Africa.

We further feel that if you are aware of these happenings, you will help us. Remember you represent the largest number of Africans and peoples of African descent to be found (not even in their own ancestral home-land) in touch with the most progressive civilisation, but in spite of impediments handicaps etc. you have contributed to its e xistence. Thus we feel that you are in a better position to help us. What you have done is a living testimony of our capability, and as such, it is a source of hope to us. Had you failed completely, we should have been without any living testimony and our present path though rough would have been more precipitous.

There is one more matter that I must write about, and we do believe if you are prepared to help, you ought to find it not too difficult to undertake. There are three unannexed territories situated in close proximity to the Union of South Africa, which are independent states commonly known as Protectorates of Bechuanaland, Basutoland, and Swaziland. The enclosed pamphlet and other materials will give you information dealing with the question. The South African Government is demanding that these Protectorates be handed over to South Africa, just as Hitler and Poland are demanding colonies in Africa.

The African people in the Protectorates are bitterly hostile to the idea, and rightly. They have eyes to see that the 7,000,000 Africans under the Union Government are treated worse than the Jews are treated by Hitler in Germany, and believe it or not, worse than the victims of the Southerner in Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas etc. Their reaction against incorporation is precisely one of self-preservation, and the Bantus, who are at present forced to exist under semi-slave conditions have passed a resolution at their last All-African Congress to the effect that they are in a living hell, and hate to know that their brothers who are at present within the Protectorates should be drawn into the dragnet to share their fate. Theirs undoubtedly is not a selfish motive; it is actuated by that sincerity and devotion that motivates man to declare "I am my brother's keeper - what I suffer I would not have my child suffer". But for us a greater principle is at stake. Ethiopia has been violently attacked by Italian Fascism, and, bravely as the Abyssinians are fighting, European Imperialism is seeking to sacrifice them as a means to solve its problems. The belief that the League of Nations would help Ethiopia to defend her independence paralysed the activity of our people. This projected transfer is in the same way as shameless a betrayal as that of Ethiopia. It is time for Africans and peoples of African descent to act. It would be a grievous reflection on us all if there were not a united protest from African Peoples in all parts of the world. The

bartering of Africans as if they were cattle in a field is an insult to our people and a continued threat to our very existence.

We are convinced, that under proper leadership it is possible for you, our brothers to organise a commission composed of such individuals among your diverse professions to go to the Protectorates and also to the Union of South Africa to report on the conditions of the African people and make recommendations. This would stir up public opinion as nothing else could. Such a commission should be able to secure the support of various philanthropic bodies. If the above suggestion is heeded and strongly urged, we are certain that the South African government will find itself in such difficult position that in spite of its apparent indifference, it would come to its Afrikaners senses. Imagine this handful of people, speaking a language practically unknown to the r est of the world daring to convince the world that they are the "masters of destiny"! It is for you our brothers at this juncture to prove that the charge of complete apathy so frequently brought against us is false, and that with the necessary impetus from qualified persons a powerfull part can be played by Afro-Americans in the saving of the Protectorat es.

We have sent copies of this letter to other prominent Afro-Americans throughoutt America in the hopes that it will receive the attention we think it deserves.

An early reply would be much appreciated.

Yours Brotherly,

Tomasa R. MaKonnen

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[Internat. Mark Twain Soc]

May 22 1958

CYRIL CLEMENS, PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL MARK TWAIN SOCIETY
WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

15-31-67

Dear Mr DuBois:-

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that you have been unanimously elected to the Society's Historical Committee whose Chairman is Judge Macaulay Trevelyan.

With all good wishes,

Most sincerely

Cyril Clemens

W.E. Burghardt DuBois

P.S. I am editing a book to be called "The Humor of Different Peoples"; in which well known authors will discuss the humor of their various races. would you favor the book by writing on Negro humor? Complete liberty of treatment would be allowed you. If Mark Twain were alive you would be his choice.

will you do me the great favor to fill out the enclosed questionnaire.

[Inter. Mark Twain Society

June 2, 1938

15-31-68

My dear Mr. Clemens:

I have your letter of May 22 and thank you for its information. I am returning the blank which you asked me to fill. Concerning the contribution to the book of the humor of different peoples, I might undertake a short statement on Negro humor sometime next year. I could not do anything before September first. Perhaps you will write me again concerning the time limit.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Cyril Clemens
International Mark Twain Society
Webster Groves, Missouri

[Enclosure]

My best virtue - grit

Must worst fault - sensitiveness

My favorite actress - Bernhardt

My favorite actor - Richard Harrison

My chief hobby - walking a motor car

My favorite song - Go Down Moses

My favorite book (by myself) SOULS OF BLACK FOLK (by another) Three Musketeers

My pet vanity - a beard

Usual time of rising and retiring - 6 a. m. and 10 p. m.

My favorite food - Bread and milk

My favorite drink - ginger ale

My favorite sport (outdoor) walking

My favorite sport (indoor) - Reading

My favorite character in history - Toussaint L'Ouverture

My favorite animal - the dog

My very earliest memory - Tongs and the fire place

My favorite study in school - History

My favorite study (outside my native land) - Sociology

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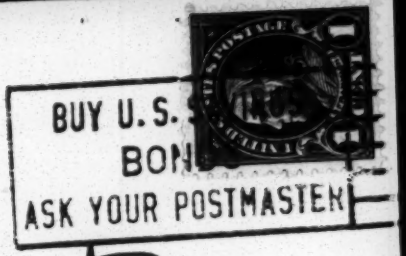
June 2, 1938

Mr. Cyril Clemens

International Mark Twain Society

Webster Groves, Missouri



Prof. W.E.B. DuBois

Atlanta University

Atlanta

Georgia

June 28 1938

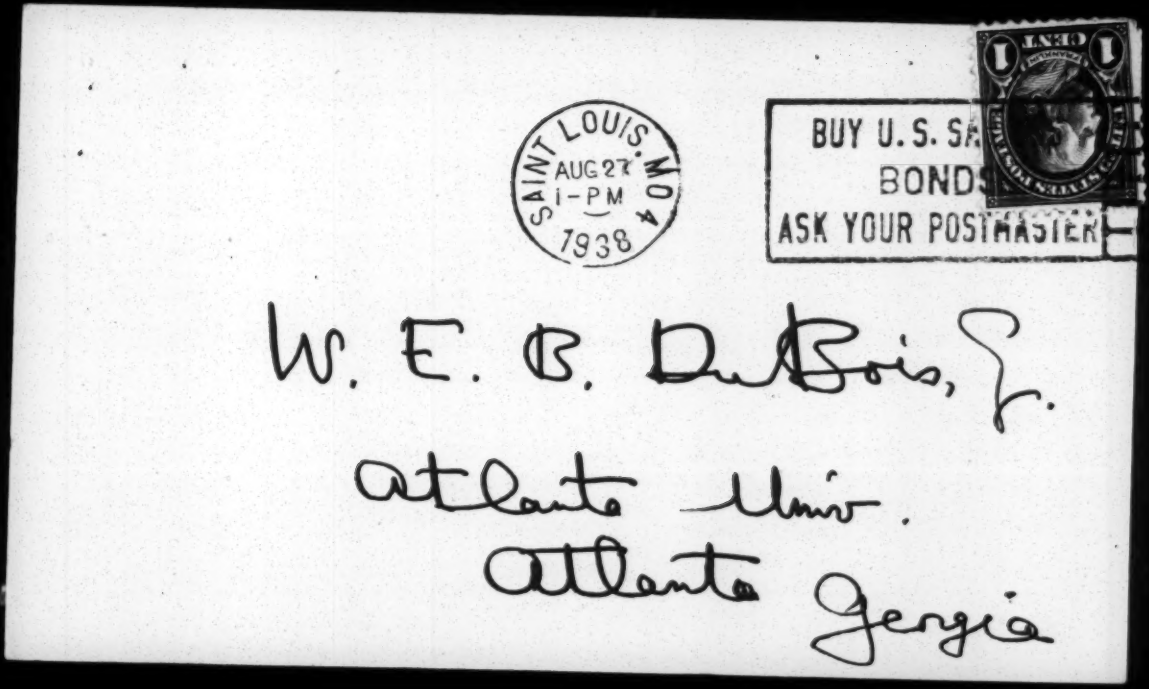
CYRIL CLEMENS, President
INTERNATIONAL MARK TWAIN SOCIETY
WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

17-15-38

Dear Mr DuBois:

Thank you for your letter. Delighted you will be able to write on Negro Humor. Can you have it read us by October first? Your participation is deeply appreciated. So sorry to hear of the death of Johnson.

Yours truly,
Cyril Clemens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CYRIL CLEMENS, President
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WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

12-15-74

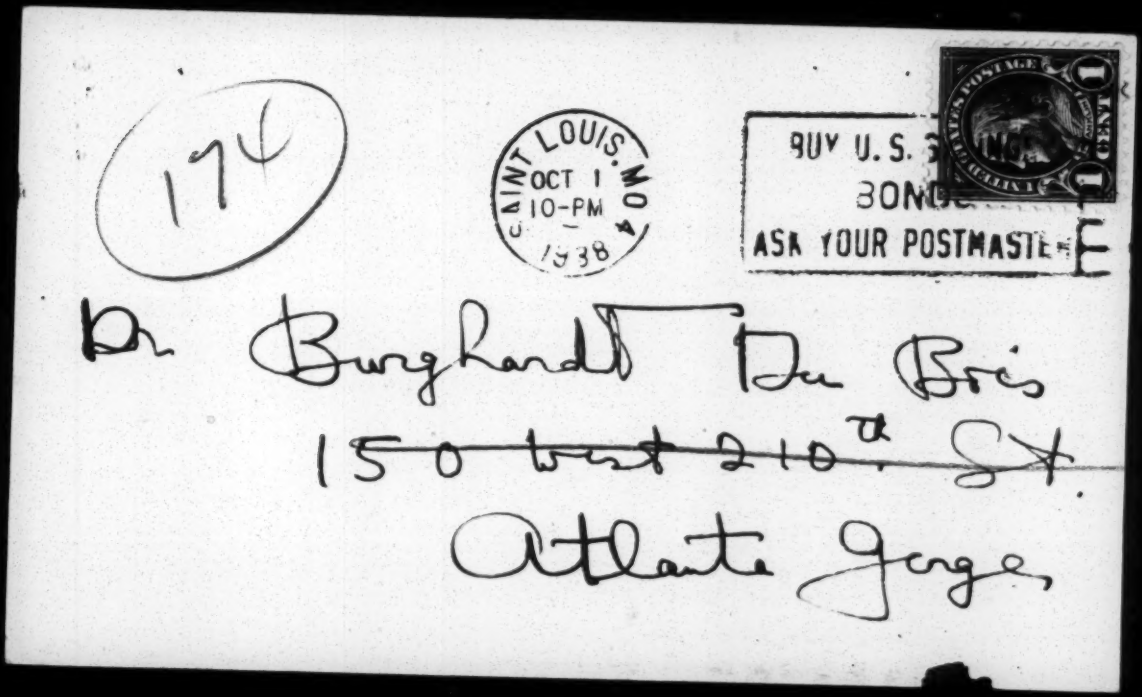
Dear Mr DeVoto:

We are looking forward to receiving your impressions of Negro Heaven. Your participation knows the book.

Do your travels ever take you to St Louis?

Sincerely

Cyril Clemens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17-15-75

Dear Dr Du Bois-
Became lookup [illegible]
of your essay on
Negro Humor with high
anticipation.
We had a dear
fellow member in J.W.
Johnson. Would you
care to write an obituary
notice on him for the
Mark Twain Quarterly?
Do you ever get to St Louis
Sincerely
Cyril Clemens

November 25, 1938

17-15-76

My dear Mr. Clemens:

I regret to say that I have not found it possible to write anything concerning Negro humor. I have a book on the history of the Negro and just sent the copy to the publishers yesterday. I have now got to return to my regular work and get it in order. If I see any chance of writing something in the near future I will let you know. I am sorry to disappoint you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Cyril Clemens
International Mark Twain Society
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CYRIL CLEMENS, President
INTERNATIONAL MARK TWAIN SOCIETY
WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

17-15-77

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Let me know if you could come to see a few informal reflections on Negro themes of the book. We are most anxious to have your great literature represented.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Cyril Clemens

Bookmark
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Burghardt
Du Bois

from
Cyril Clemens

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[Inter-Professional Association]

Proposal for a CONGRESS OF THE PROFESSIONS

January 28, 1938

Note to Sponsors:

The idea of a Congress of the Professions, to focus thought and action among professional workers on social economic problems, national and international, continues to arouse enthusiasm whenever it is discussed. The time seems to have come to bring together individual sponsors and representatives of professional organizations for an informal discussion of the whole subject. We therefore call your attention to the following

Notice of Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 5

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Room 200, Russell Sage Foundation Building
130 East 22nd Street
New York

By way of preparation for the meeting, and to accommodate those who may be unable to attend Saturday morning, it has been arranged to have dinner together Friday, February 4th, at 6 p.m. at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South (price of dinner $1.00.)

The present status of the project is as follows: The suggestion in its present form was the outgrowth of a Committee on Economic Organization of the Professions, called together as the major task of the Inter-Professional Association for 1937. This committee included representatives of professional workers' unions and other professional organizations. Recently the National Council of IPA, having before it the report of a special drafting committee, recommended to its chapters that they suspend their other work and give their organizational resources wholly to the preparation of such a Congress, if the plans for it should meet with sufficient response to insure broad support throughout the professions.

Meanwhile, the IPA has been fortunate in winning the interest of Dr. Worth M. Tippy, retired chairman of the Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Tippy is

ready to give time to the organization, provided the idea is supported strongly enough to give substantial hope that it can be carried out. His interest in the plan and his many years of co-operation, as a minister, with the labor movement in the United States, qualify him to make an important contribution to the organization and enlightenment of professional workers at this critical moment in American democracy.

At the meeting on February 4th it is proposed to analyze the need for such a Congress and the scope of its program; to appraise the probable support for it; to enlist interest and activity in the formulation of a program; to take steps toward raising a budget (in which the IPA stands ready to co-operate); and in general to determine whether the time has come to take the preliminary steps toward the issuing of a Call.

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Attendance at this meeting commits no one to further work on the subject, but you are urged to come and to give the group the benefit of your experience and observations at this time.

As it is necessary to make reservations in advance, and to plan the agenda, we should appreciate having your reply as soon as possible as to whether or not we may expect you on Saturday morning and/or at the dinner on Friday.

Mary van Kleeck

Convener of Sponsors Group on
behalf of IPA Committee for a
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office of chairman: room 600, 130 east 22 street, new york, n. y.

February 3, 1938

Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York

Russel Sage Foundation

17-3-62

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We were glad to have your response to the memorandum sent out in November, proposing a Congress of the Professions. We are now taking further steps to bring together a small group for informal discussion of the project. The meeting will be held Saturday morning, as indicated in the enclosed notice. By way of preparation, we are getting together some of the group at dinner Friday evening.

Can you join us on either or both of these occasions?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Van Kleeck

MvK:T

[Inter-Professional Assoc.]

February 10, 1938

My dear Miss van Kleeck:

I regret to say that I was not in New York and so could not attend your dinner Friday, February fourth.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary van Kleeck
130 East 22 Street
New York City

[Inter-Professional Association]

130 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

March 16, 1938

Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York

Russel Sage Foundation

17-3-64

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As you have indicated your willingness to serve as a sponsor for the proposed Congress of the Professions, I call your attention to the enclosed notice of an important meeting. This will be our first opportunity to consider plans which are now to be carried out by Dr. Worth M. Tippy, acting as Interim Secretary.

Please make every possible effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Mary van Kleeck

Please reply to
Mary van Kleeck, 130 East 22nd Street, Gramercy 5-7060, or to
Dr. Worth M. Tippy, 297 Fourth Avenue, Gramercy 5-3475

[Enclosure]

March 16, 1938

Meeting of Sponsors of Proposed Congress of the Professions

Date: Monday, March 28
Time: 4 p.m., continuing through dinner
Place: Parkside Hotel, 18 Gramercy Park South, New York

This is to announce a vitally important meeting, called to consider:

17-3-65

1. Organization of Sponsors' Committee.

2. Additional members.

3. Shall we attempt to secure representation of the larger and more general professional associations, or represent them through individuals and smaller groups within the larger associations known to have the point of view of the public interest?

4. Shall we define "professional" in the stricter meaning, or shall we have the purpose also of reaching the population lying between labor and the employer group?

5. Shall the Congress be convened on the basis of conference only, not committing groups represented to any action taken by the Congress, but leaving concurrence to subsequent action by the groups represented?

6. What shall be the relation of the Congress to the professional unions within the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O.?

7. Financial policy.

The enclosed copy of the IPA News Bulletin describes the procedure looking toward the organization of the Congress. We are happy to announce that the committee of the Inter-Professional Association which has been developing these plans has appointed as Interim Secretary for the Sponsors' Committee Dr. Worth M. Tippy, of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Tippy is widely known as a leader in social and civic work in the United States. His aid at this moment in the development of the preparatory work for the Congress is an outstanding contribution which goes far toward insuring the success of the undertaking.

I am sure that you will realize the importance of this meeting, and I hope that you will do everything possible to arrange your calendar so as to attend. Please be prepared to spend the evening.

Mary van Kleeck, Convener,
Sponsors' Committee for a
Congress of the Professions

Please reply to
Mary van Kleeck, 130 East 22nd Street, New York
Telephone: Gramercy 5-7060

TELEPHONE 6-3744

Interurban Heights Industrial High School

E. J. OLIVER, PRINCIPAL

FAIRFIELD, ALA.

October 24, 1938

Request for photograph

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-20

Dear Sir:

During the latter part of August our High School building was destroyed by fire and, of course, the library was a complete loss. We especially regretted the loss of our very good collection of Negro literature, folk-lore and pictures of prominent men.

As we are trying to inculcate in our youth a love of and respect for their own race, we find it of very great value to have material available concerning the leaders of our race and their accomplishments.

We are making an effort to replace our library material, though much is irreplacable, as quickly as possible. We are especially anxious to re-acquire pictures of our present day Negro leaders.

Will you help us in this effort by sending us a good-sized photograph of yourself? Of course we do not have any fund set aside for the purchase of photographs. We will bevery grateful if you will mail us a good-sized photograph of yourself. If there <u>are</u> any charges we will find the money somewhere to pay them. May we hear from you at an early date?

Sincerely yours,

Julia Jenkins
Senior Student

M. McClure Jemison
Librarian

[Interurban Heights Industrial High School]

November 1, 1938

17-3-21

My dear Miss Jenkins:

I am ordering my photographer to send you a photograph of myself. There will be no charge.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Julia Jenkins
Interurban Heights
Industrial High School
Fairfield, Alabama

TELEPHONE 6-3744

Interurban Heights Industrial High School

E. J. OLIVER, PRINCIPAL

FAIRFIELD, ALA.

December 6, 1938

Request for Photograph

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-26

My dear Dr. Dubois:

We wish to thank you for your kindness and generosity in sending us the very artistic and handsome photograph of yourself. We feel it to be a very excellent likeness of you.

However, as you know the real value of the photograph lies in the fact that our students will be able to more clearly envision one who is among our greatest contemporary leaders.

Appreciation for the distinguished portrait which was your gift to us will long live in the hearts of grateful students and faculty members.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Mary McClure Fennoy, Librari an

applicants

Request for application

My dear Mr. Du Bois,

I have just finished your book, Black Reconstruction. I wish to compliment you upon the candor and force it contained.

17-10-88

Though I come from the heart of East Tennessee, and was, and at times am now, exposed to the naïvely constructed fabrications you so brilliantly disarm in your final chapter, I have often felt myself sore on the Negro problem. Therefore it is that I wish to thank as well as to compliment. Some solution must be found for the problem which affect our peoples. Equality is the solution — but solutions do not always carry with them the means of attainment.

At the present time, I am a graduate student in Princeton University. I received my bachelor's degree last summer,

at the University of Tennessee. I am in history. I shall return south to teach.

There is another purpose for this letter: one or two points I should like to have further clarified and have improved. I am trying to get a job for the summer in Atlanta. Perhaps I shall fail, but regardless, I shall be in Atlanta around the twentieth of June. Could I see you then?

58-10-11

Sincerely yours,

Jean Ivey

The Graduate College
Princeton, N. J.
May 18, 1938

June 2, 1938

My dear Sir:

I am leaving Atlanta June seventh but I shall return on or about June fifteenth and be here until June twenty-fifth when I leave again. I shall be very glad indeed to see you if you are in the city at that time. I appreciate your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Jeter Isely
The Graduate College
Princeton, New Jersey

February 24, 1938

17-2-12

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

Mrs. Hattie Walker writes that you can accommodate us when we come through Richmond Sunday, February twenty-seventh. We shall arrive probably about five or six and want supper for four and breakfast. If possible we should like three bedrooms but we can get on with two.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. James E. Jackson
2506 Brook Road
Richmond, Virginia

June 3, 1938

Dear Mrs. James:

Will you kindly prepare for me enough fried chicken so that there will be plenty for four persons? Please let it be especially good and also eighteen hot biscuits. I am going to send for these promptly at 9:30 Sunday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Concha R. James]

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WASHINGTON, D. C., E. U. A.

June 30, 1938

17-16-24

My dear Dr. DuBois:

A Peruvian friend of ours is very much interested in writing a book about the Negro with special reference to his influence in Peru. He would be particularly glad to receive publications dealing with the general topic of Negro contributions to cultural life, and I am hoping very much indeed that you will be kind enough to cooperate with us in this interesting project. I would suggest that any material you may have to spare be sent to this office in order that it may be mailed to Peru free of charge.

With appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Concha Romero James

Concha Romero James, Chief
Division of Intellectual Cooperation

Dr. W. H. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

July 5, 1938

My dear Mrs. James:

In answer to your letter of June 30, please permit me to say that Dr. Du Bois has left for the North on his vacation.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mrs. Concha Romero James
Union Panamericana
Washington, D. C.

[Concha R. James]

November 8, 1938

17-16-25

My dear Mrs. James:

You wrote me last June after my departure for the North a letter concerning a book on the Negro in Peru. May I refer you to my friend, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, of Howard University. He and I have been cooperating in a proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro and he can give you references concerning Negro literature and would, I am sure, be pleased to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Concha Romero James
Union Panamericana
Washington, D. C.

AGRICULTURAL & NORMAL UNIVERSITY
Langston, Oklahoma

September 30, 1938

Department of English

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
School of Social Sciences
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-7

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of a study which I call THE AMERICAN PROBLEMS OF RACIAL DEMOCRACY AS SEEN IN THE WORKS OF WILLIAM E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS, a thesis submitted to and received by the department of English, Graduate School of Syracuse University during the school year, 1936-1937.

I had fully intended posting same to you in time for your birthday of last year, but the date found me some miles from the manuscript. I now mail it to you for your critical suggestions, comments, and -- I frankly hope -- enjoyment. If you think the effort worthy of more than a Master of Arts thesis, I should feel pardonably proud to submit it to a publishing house. Your suggestion concerning this would be appreciated.

While an under-graduate of Wiley College, I heard and was significantly impressed by your address delivered at the college. A personal introduction following in the home of President Dogan did nothing toward lessening the first impression.

Despite what answer you may choose to send, the study above-mentioned was the most fascinating project I have undertaken.

May I hear from you and receive manuscript at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Hobart Jarrett
Hobart Jarrett

October 6, 1938

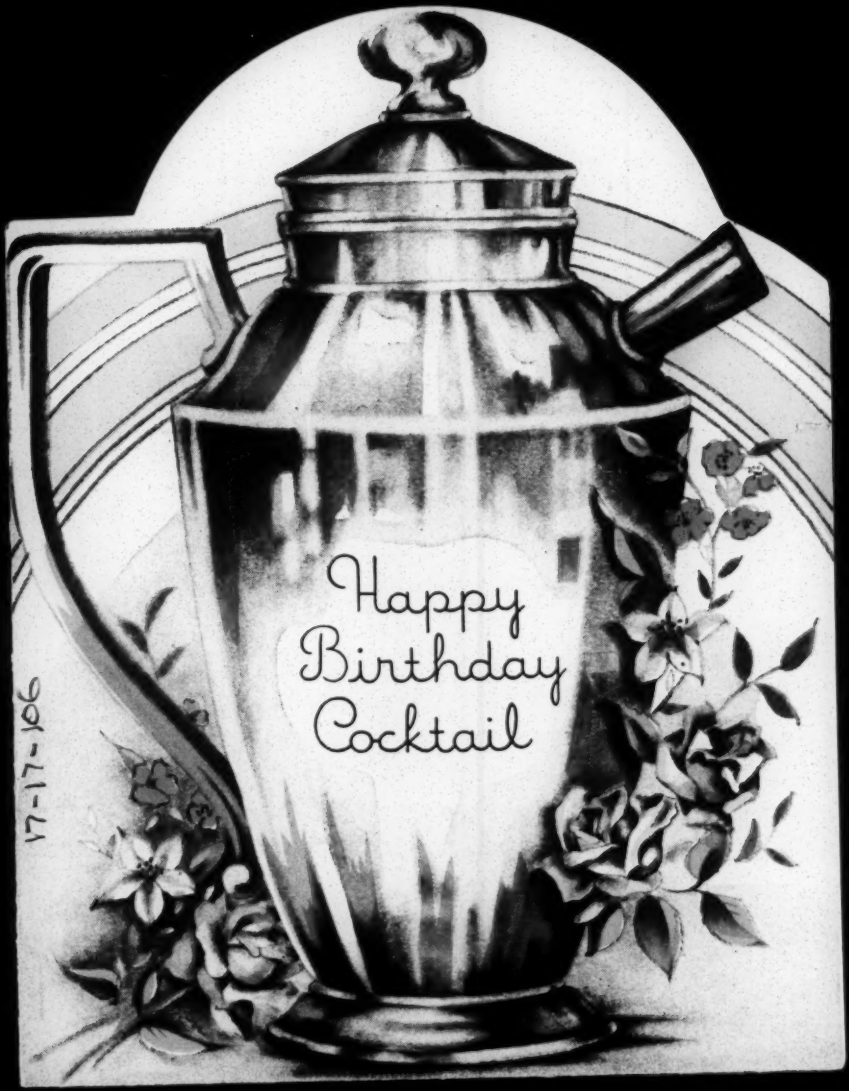
17-3-8

My dear Sir:

I have received a copy of your thesis and I appreciate very deeply your interest in writing on the subject. I have only had a chance to glance at it but it seems to me to be done with understanding and thoroughness. I shall be glad to read it entirely at my first opportunity. I presume it will be difficult to find a publisher on a personal subject of that sort. He would probably doubt his ability to sell many copies but it would not hurt to communicate with some of the leading publishers. They are a little shy of doctors' theses so that I should stress that less than the actual content. They ought to have, of course, a complete copy put in their hands.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Hobart Jarrett
Agricultural & Normal University
Langston, Oklahoma


Happy
Birthday
Cocktail
17-17-106

To
Dr & Mrs Bock

Take one part health

And one part joy

And one part of good cheer

A dash of pleasure,

Mix with smiles

And serve throughout the year

Eddie Jarvis

2/23/38

C. M. Jarvis
1864 Seventh Ave. Apt. 33
New York City

Jenkins, Joseph S.

Mr. Joseph S. Jenkins Jr.

17-8-92

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

January 19, 1938

17-14-5

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am returning your file copy of A Suggested List of Subjects Which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro Should Treat, and thank you for letting us refer to them again. I have made some notes from them, to take the place of my set which has not yet shown up.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

Johnson, Chas. S.

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

January 22,
1938

17-8-4

Mr. Rayford Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Mr. Logan:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your note about the DuBois affair. I am very anxious to participate in honoring a brilliant intellectual and literary career. My check for five dollars is inclosed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:b

TELEPHONE TILLINGHAST 5-1513

E. A. JOHNSON
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
17 WEST 132ND STREET

NEW YORK Feb. 9th, 1938 193

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Mr. L. F. Coles has just brought to my attention that Wednesday, Feb. 23rd is your 70th birthday, and he tells me that Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Pres., Atlanta University, Dr. Rayford Logan, Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Miss Florence M. Read, Dr. Charles D. Hubert, Dr. Lorimer D. Milton, Mrs. John Hope, Dr. E. M. Martin, and Dr. Stanley Brathwaite, are arranging to make that day a momentious occasion. That is as it should be. I

17-8-104

One of the finestthings, to my way of thinking,(he did many things that were fine) that was ever done by Dr. John P. Hope, was to appoint you to the Department of Sociology at Atlanta,University.

I cannot be with you on the 23rd day of February in person, but I shall be with you in spirit. I hope that you will live many more years and that you will realize the accomplishments of the many things which you have and still are addressing yourself to. History will certainly record you along with Frederick Douglass as one of the most persistent, fearless and indefatigable champions of human rights that the world has known.

I miss your postcripts, and the very gripping and piercing sayings that you used to write under the caption "As the crow flies." The Crisis is not the same anymore. Mr. Coles used to read your splendid articles which appeared in The Courier each week, but he tells me that they will not appear anymore. I was indeed sorry to learn this.

You have had a very full life, and you have certainly helped to make the world a little bit better than it was when you appeared on the scene, and that is an accomplishment.

Your esteemed friend,

Edward A. Johnson

Edward Johnson

EAJ:EW

January 4, 1938

17-14-29

My dear Georgia,

Thanks for your remembrance. I hope you had a pleasant Christmas and that you will have a Happy New Year. I shall try to see you the next time I am in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Georgia Douglass Johnson
1461 S Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

12-14-30

1461 S St N W
Washington D C
July 18, 1938.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

I was sorry not to have seen you when you were here. Looked forward to it.

I am wondering if you are still hold ing in mind the suggestion you made me some time ago to work with you on that book project. I have gotten together some data. "ave quite a nice summary of the life of Mrs Curtis. "ave also other data on Mrs Jackson and others. I feel that I can do some helpful things on the book and will speed up a little along this lone if you advise it.

Am taking a course in Creative writing from the Univ. of Oklahoma.

"ay I have a l ine form you?

Sincerely as always

Georgia Johnson

Georgia Johnson

November 8, 1938

12-14-31

Dear Georgia Johnson:

Your letter of July 18 found me in the throes of packing up and moving my family to Atlanta for the winter. I do not remember about my proposal for a book. However, I am always proposing books and some of them I naturally forget. If you will tell me specifically what you are working on I shall be glad to offer any advice I can.

I hope this will find you well.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Georgia Johnson
1461 S Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

1461 S St N W
Washimgton D C
Nov. 10, 1938

12-14-32

Dear Dr. Dubois:

I was glad to have your letter. Its always a treat to hear from you.

You wrote me concerning a compilation of information you were planning to edit and asked me just what personalities and subjects I would cover. You stated that a certain number of cents would be allowed for each word.

I choose May Howard Jackson and certain others. Have also the material for Mrs Curtis which is interesting. I heard that you w uld edit this book from Washington.

Perhaps these facts will recall the matter to your mind.

With every good wish for you and yours I am

Sincerely

georgia D. Johnson

Georgia D. Johnson

November 25, 1938

My dear Georgia:

The work I wrote you about I remember now was in connection with the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. We have been working on these plans for some years but have not yet secured funds for publication so that until that happens we cannot go forward. If it does happen and I can use you in any way, I should be glad to.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Georgia D. Johnson
1461 S Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

12-14-38

1461 S St N W
Washington D C
Dec 5, 1938

Dear Dr. Dubois:

A th uand thanks for y ur kind letter. Of course you will rememnber me when the time comes. I was think ng that it was about to come to pass.

I haven been able to get a job of any sort in th these eight years and its a long time to be weaving my life d from my innards.

With every good wish believe me to be

Always sincerely

Georgia Johnson

Ga.

1102 Collingwood Boulevard
Toledo Ohio
March twenty seven, 1938.

Doctor W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia.

Social Menus - 1938

12-18-25

Dear Doctor DuBois -

How does it feel to have had a birthday with the whole universe helping celebrate? How does it feel to have seventy years of achievement to your credit? You are a wonderful person. The Doctor and I were late " getting " to the party - did not get our names on the preferred list,but we were there just the same - it was great. Good luck to you, always.

We received the material from the University - it is lovely. I carried it intact to the Public Library. Miss Wells who heads the work was delighted to have the use of it for a time. I am to call for it today as your " Pageant in Seven Decades " is to be reviewed the coming Saturday in the Study Hour Club.

Now - The Study Hour Club sent Doctor DuBois a telegram of congratulation when he was having the grandest birthday party,ever. Will Doctor DuBois be willing to send just a word of greeting to the club, in time for the meeting on Saturday, please ? This is to be a surprise to the club - if it comes. We would appreciate having the enclosed program autographed fo our files,if you please.

Thank you and good wishes from all of us. Come and see us when you want to rest. We will be putting fresh curtains at your windows in a week or two,so you had better come on.

I am

Sincerely yours

Georgine Johnson

12-18-36

March 30, 1938

My dear Georgine:

Thank you for your kind words and enclosed is your autographed program. I have sent a telegram to the club a copy of which I enclose.

My best regards to the club, to the Doctor and to you. I may be driving through Toledo sometime this summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Georgine Johnson
1102 Collingwood Boulevard
Toledo, Ohio

September 21, 1938

My dear Grace:

I have not written or communicated with you since your husband's death. First of all the news of it did not reach us here until late. There was a rumor of it published in the colored paper on Monday morning and we could not confirm it until we had telegraphed to Fisk. I was just on the point of starting by automobile for New York and the telegram concerning the funeral did not reach Atlanta until after I had left. I was out of touch with my office for several days so that I was too late for the funeral.

17-8-134

Above all I was so stunned by the terrible news that I did not know what to write or say after once I realized the sad truth. Before leaving New York we learned that you had returned to town but I was sure that you did not want to be bothered with visitors. This then is just a letter to say most inadequately how very deeply I and Mrs. Du Bois and Yolande sympathize with you in your great sorrow and how glad I should be if there was anything I could do to soften the blow in any way. But of course there is not.

In a sense Johnson was most fortunate to die quickly without the agony of long drawn out sickness and failure of powers. This is what every one at bottom craves. He had in a sense finished his work finely even to the writing of his life so that I suppose that we have no right to be sorry for him but only for the world and for us who are left. I shall hope sometime to hear from you when you have leisure.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Grace N. Johnson
c/o John Nail
2301 Seventh Avenue
New York City

December 20, 1938

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I heartily concur with all that Mr. Stokes has said in the enclosed letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

17-14-25

Chapel Hill, N.C.
December 26, 1938

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am very sorry that illness has prevented me from attending to my correspondence lately. I want to acknowledge both of your notes and assure you of my readiness to cooperate in every possible way for the good of the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro. It is a real thrill to embark on this adventure in association with you.

I have received the subject list from the office of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, and I shall go through it carefully at my earliest convenience. As soon as I have finished, I shall write you further.

Several days ago I received from Dr. Stokes copies of recent letters between you and him relative to plans for the immediate future of the Encyclopaedia. I am quite in agreement with your ideas, and I shall be able to devote some time to this work during the winter and spring quarters.

I trust that you have had a pleasant Christmas season, and I wish for you a happy and fruitful New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Guy B. Johnson

Copy to Dr. Stokes

12-14-22

March 4, 1938

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I can speak in Montgomery almost any Friday night during March. My charge would be twenty-five dollars and board and lodging for one night. I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harvey E. Johnson
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Johnson-H.

NAACP Reel 17-8-47

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Reid,

It is true that I am somewhat tardy in responding to Dr. Logan's gracious request of some time ago.

"Procrastination is the thief of time." I have been constantly putting off my contribution to this most worthy cause, so I must thank you for the incentive to positive action in your recent reminder.

Enclosed[1] you will find the requested and freely contributed pittance to a cause which merits a good deal more — (but - well - ah -, not exactly poverty — for I don't suffer from poverty - but just a general poorness precludes the possibility of my contributing more.)

I should like to obtain my tickets for the banquet later - if I may do so.

Thanks again for the reminder.

Yours in appreciation of one truly great,

Hermese E. Johnson

1. Enc: $5.00; See appendix 1.

YOUR BIRTHDAY in the SEVENTIES

17-17-107

Not in passing days and years
Can happiness be measured,
But in the golden memories
That hearts like yours
have treasured!
And may this happy Birthday
Be occasion to review
All the pleasures and the joys
The years have left with you.

Sincerely

Hermes E. Johnson

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Johnson - James W.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON SQUARE, NEW YORK

January 17, 1938.

My dear Mr. Logan:

I need not say that I am heartily in accord with the plan to pay tribute to Dr. Du Bois on his seventieth birthday. I am herewith sending my check for $5.00/100 I hope for the committee the fullest success in carrying out the undertaking, and will do anything that I can to help in forwarding it.

Always cordially yours,

James Weldon Johnson

98-8-17

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

After January 25th I ought to be at Fisk.

Johnson, J. W.

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

February 10, 1938

12-17-62

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Reid:

I have your letter of the eighth letting me know that it is Dr. Du Bois' desire that I speak at the banquet to be tendered him on February twenty-third.

I shall be very glad to come and speak. With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

James Weldon Johnson

JWJ:ew

March 5, 1938

My dear Johnson:

It was awfully fine of you to c me down. I and the family enjoyed the whole thing immensely. Enclosed is the autograph.

My best regards to you and I hope Mrs. Johnson is in health again.

Very sincerely yours,

17-8-130

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

March 8, 1938

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Du Bois:

Thanks for the inscription which you sent for my copy of "Black Re-construction".

I want to call your attention to a slight error in your "A Pageant in Seven Decades". I am doing so because I judge that at some time these pages will become a part of ~~the~~ a permanent publication. I am referring to the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page thirty-six and going over to the top of page thirty-seven. The amount of the fund raised by Mary Tolbert and the anti-lynching crusaders amounted to something like twelve thousand dollars. The defense fund to which you refer began with the Sweet case in Detroit. For that fund the Association raised close to eighty thousand dollars. The amount was as large as it was because I succeeded in inducing the American Fund for Public Service(the Garland Fund) to match every dollar raised by the Association. In that way we secured something like forty thousand dollars from the American Fund. These figures are not exact but they can easily be checked up.

17-8-131

Sincerely yours,

James Weldon Johnson

JWJ:ew

March 21, 1938

17-8-132

My dear Johnson:

Thank you very much for the correction which you have made in the "Seven Decades". I will see that in the revision which will sometime come that this change is made.

I have survived the ordeal of the birthday with no very bad results.

My best regards to you and the family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

February 25, 1938

Dear Miss Johnson,

We had a lovely trip down. It was great fun riding in a drawing room on the long train. The waiter from the dining car came in and put up a little table and served us our dinner. My Mother got on the train with us in Baltimore. A little later the porter came in and made up the beds. I slept in the lower berth with Grandmother and Mother slept in the upper berth. She had to climb a little ladder to get there.

Grandfather met us at the train with his car. That morning we went to the University Chapel Convocation Exercises given to celebrate my Grandfather's seventieth birthday. They had music and speeches. My Grandfather made a speech telling about his life for seven decades. Then they presented a bust of my Grandfather to the University.

That night they had a big banquet for Grandpa at which they gave him a lovely desk.

17-23-26

Yesterday we went to breakfast at the President's house and we went driving and to dinner in the school dining room.

Today I went to the nursery school where Miss Jones teaches and spent a few hours. I had a grand time playing with the children. I had lunch with them too. I'll tell you more about it when I get back. This afternoon I am going to a reception with Grandmother and Mother so I must close now. I'll be back about Tuesday. Give my love to all the children.

Lovingly,

Miss Mildred L. Johnson
154 West 131st Street
New York City

DR. PHILIP MAGNUS JOHNSON
2 MICHIGAN ST.
TOLEDO. OHIO

February 22, 1938.

17-12-89

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear friend DuBois:

When I received an invitation to join in the celebration of your 70th birthday anniversary, my mind was carried back to our first meeting at Wilberforce University.

I am unable at this time to contribute financially to the Birthday Fund, as was requested by the Committee in charge of the festivities, but I wish to assure you that at some date in the not too distant future, it will give me pleasure to send some token to you personally.

Mrs.Johnson joins me in extending heartiest congratulations to you on this very important occasion, and in wishing for you many more useful and happy years. When you come our way the Johnson latch-string will be hanging out with welcome over the door.

Sincerely,

P. M. Johnson

P.M.Johnson.

17-17-23

1102 Collingwood Avenue

Toledo Ohio

February twentytwo, 1938.

Atlanta University

Atlanta Georgia.

Mr. Rayford W.Logan

DuBois Birthday Fund ,

Dear Sir:

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Magnus Johnson extend greetings and kindest wishes, accepting with pleasure the eppertunity of sharing in your splendid demonstration of honor to Docter DuBois.

Inclosed find cheque for five (5) dollars to DuBois Fund.

Johnson, T. O.

THOMAS O. JOHNSON, D.D.S.
207 WEST 138th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE AUDUBON 3-2066

January 18, 1938.

88-8-71

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Logan:--

We are happy to serve as one of the Friends and Associates who will sponsor the testimonial to Dr. DuBois on his seventieth birthday. It is indeed fitting and proper that we should do this.

Dr. Johnson is ill but will try to send some words of greeting to Dr. DuBois before February 23rd, 1938.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) T. O. Johnson.

P. S.
I am enclosing check to the amount of ($5.00) Five Dollars.

THOMAS O. JOHNSON, D.D.S.
207 WEST 138th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE AUDUBON 3-2066

February 20, 1938.

Dear Dr. DuBois:--

12-8-79

Some weeks ago, we were pleased to receive a letter from Mr. Rayford Logan offering us the opportunity to subscribe to a certain Birthday Testimonial. We gladly accepted.

Some years ago, I believe while in Archon John Brown's car en route to the Pittsburgh Grand Boule Convention, you reminded me that Johnson was the name -- not of a family -- but of a nation.

So a nation salutes you on your birthday. We regret that we cannot be at the dinner in person but rejoice that it is being given.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Johnson,
Anna Johnson,
Thomas Johnson, Jr.

Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February
14, 1938

17-8-67

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Your friends and associates at Atlanta University are honoring themselves and are doing only what is right and proper when they pay tribute to you on your Seventieth Birthday.

You have done yoeman service for which all of us are sincerely grateful. Certainly you must come to this time in life with great satisfaction when you recall the progress which has been made in achieving the goals which for so long you alone contended.

Please accept sincere congratulations and my deep appreciation for all that you have done. I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you and share the pleasure of this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

David D. Jones

David D. Jones,
PRESIDENT

DDJ:M

Jones, E K.

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January
Tenth
1938

17-8-95

My dear Professor Logan:

I am very happy to have the privilege of associating myself with the movement to recognize Dr. W. E. B. DuBois on his seventieth birthday. You will find enclosed my check for five dollars as my contribution toward the testimonial.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Kinckle Jones

Eugene Kinckle Jones,
Executive Secretary.

Professor Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Enclosure - 1

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The Piney Woods Country Life School
(CORPORATE NAME)

For Training Colored Boys and Girls in Christianity, Character and Service

Piney Woods, Miss.

February 15, 1938.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Logan:

I am with you when you say that this event, honoring Dr. DuBois on his seventieth birthday is of sufficient significance for one of national recognition.

I was pleased to have a plan of the testimonial which will be given in his honor, and I am glad to be counted among the number of friends and the Associates who will help sponsor this affair.

You will find my contribution enclosed in the amount of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) toward the DuBois Birthday Fund.

With best wishes for the success and enjoyment of this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence C. Jones

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References...

As to... The business system of Piney Woods School, and its yearly audits.

I. B. McGLADREY,
Certified Public Accountant,
Merchants Bank Bldg.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

As to... The endeavor of Piney Woods School to train its boys and girls into conservative American citizens with a Christian spirit—of an undenominational character—communication may be addressed to our chaplain,

REV. GEORGE A. SCHMIDT,
1028 Port St.,
New Orleans, La.

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State Secretary Y. M. C. A.,
Jackson, Mississippi.

FRANCIS S. HARMON,
General Secretary,
The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations of the U. S. and Canada, 347 Madison Avenue, New York.

LAMONT ROWLAND,
Capitalist,
Picayune, Miss.

8-17-17

A SUCCESSFUL MAN

A copy of the "Pine Torch," a little paper issued from the Piney Woods school for negroes established by Laurence Jones, a colored graduate of the Marshalltown high school, is worth reading as an evidence of such success as may be conquered against vast odds by a man who goes at his task with patience, hope and determination. The story of the beginning of the little school in the deep woods of Mississippi, among ignorant and down-trodden negroes, has been often written in Iowa. It was a bold undertaking. But it grew. Irrigated by faith and cultivated by indefatigable labor, the negro school at Braxton has come to attract national attention as a practical and successful effort to bring citizenship to the negroes of the black belt. From the gift of an old black man, through the wisdom and determination of a member of his race to whom education and association with conditions in the North had lent purpose and capacity, the school in the piney woods has grown into an institution. It is the seed of negro hope, it and the other schools like it that shall spring up to teach decent living, thrift, and adaptation to environment.

When we are speaking of successful men let us not forget this little colored man to whom the members of his race over several counties in Mississippi turn as "Fessor," counselor and guide. To have brought thrift and purpose into a hidden corner of the black belt, to have set negroes raising their own corn and raising their own pigs, putting windows and floors in their cabins, and sacrificing to send their children to learn books and farm and trades at the little school over which he presides is no mean accomplishment for any man, white or black.

Among the Iowans who have accomplished things, place Laurence Jones. Write him as one of the successful who have gone out of Iowa to bring honor upon the state.—Times-Republican, Marshalltown, Iowa.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Piney Woods Country Life School," of Piney Woods, State of Mississippi, the sum and amount of

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Witness. Testator.

ENDOWMENT

For many years our securities have been held by the well-known Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. By resolution of our Board of Trustees, we shall request that bank's recommendations for the investment of funds which may be added to our Endowment.

January 29, 1938

12-14-4

My dear Mildred:

I am coming to Chicago sometime Monday morning, February fourteenth, from Detroit and shall have to leave probably that same night for Wheeling, West Virginia. I suppose we can get in at least a dinner. I will let you know later.

With best regards,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

12-14-7

4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
February 2, 1938

My dear Mr. DuBois::

It is lovely to know that you will be here on the 14th, even if you are this time to be such a veritable "bird of passage". Now will you please say <u>who</u> is rushing around --but you won't tell that, will you?? Oh, well --I know just the same.. I hope that you are well and things going all right for you in every way.

On Monday, the 14th, I shall reach home from school at 2:45 in the afternoon.. I have a class at the University from 6:20 until 8 and can thus get to hear your lecture O.K.. Shall expect to hear from you (as you said) before your arrival,

With love and all good wishes,,

Mildred Bryant Jones

February 3, 1938

My dear Mildred:

I am arriving in Chicago in time for my lecture at the Woman's City Club February 14 at 3:00 p. m. After the lecture suppose that I meet you at the Union Station information desk at six and we have dinner there. Then I will speak at The Good Shepherd Church and will have to leave immediately after for West Virginia. Let me know if this will be satisfactory.

My best regards,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
February 5,1938

17-14-8

My dear Mr. DuBois::

Your letter of February 3 has just reached me and I Am replying at once , in the hope that I may be able to get the letter into your hands before you leave Atlanta.. You probably received my air-mail communication a few days ago.. I shall arrange, as you suggested, to meet you at the information desk at the Union Station and we can dine there as usual. As I am going to ask to be excused from attend- class that evening, I shall reach there about 5:30 and if you get there before 6, we will have longer to talk.. I have many questions to ask , and possibly a few to answer. It will be nice, for once, to dine unhurriedly and go on to the lecture with you..

With love,

Mildred

February 21, 1938

12-14-6

My dear Mildred:

It was good to get the little glimpse of you and to have our dinner together. I had an exceptionally interesting trip and have just returned home today.

With best love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

4809 Indiana Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois
March 20, 1938.

My dearest Mr. DuBois! Hurrah! the last required course finished ten days ago! Selah and Amen and Rest in peace etc ad infinitum!!!
But Germany now holds me digging daily — oh, well, such is life!

It was lovely to see you — but the visit was much too brief & there were 17 or 19 (Host count) things that we did not have time to discuss in the short hour and a half devoted to broiled lobster, Vin Grave, etc in the familiar dining room. And you did not get to see & admire my new rugs, shades, lamps, etc, etc. — oh, woe! But that was an extraordinarily fine lecture you gave (& all of them are excellent!), an interested & appreciative audience — a packed house, too, by gum! And

11-14-11

it was sweet of you to let me hear from you so promptly. I appreciate it.

Do write me soon & tell me about the birthday celebration. I know it was lovely — & I wish I could have been there. It makes me very happy to know how much you are appreciated. You richly deserve the appreciation.

Fisk University will present Roland Hayes, the Fisk Choir and the Fisk Singers in concert at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago on Sunday Afternoon, March 27. It promises to be a real event. The University is pushing a drive (among the rich — mainly) for the endowment fund.

Keep well. Write, please.

Lovingly,
Mildred.

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April 29, 1938

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My dear Mildred:

What are you doing this summer and when does your school end? I may be passing through Chicago sometime in June but I am not certain. If so, I shall be loaded down with a job lot of new degrees: I am going to get a LLD at Atlanta and a Doctor of Letters at Fisk; also I am going to make another speech at Fisk but I hope a fairly peaceful one. It is you know the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation and one half the class has survived which is not so bad. Are you getting a degree this spring? Let me hear from you at your leisure.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

4809 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

May 8,1938.

12-14-41

My deat Mr. Du Bois;

It was so good to hear from you and to know how wonderfully fine everything is going for and with you. I am simply thrilled to hear about all the evidences of appreciation of which you spoke -- you richly deserve them. It is lovely that such recognition has come.I am glad,too, that you think you will probably be this way in June. Let me know when you decide definitely, please.

You have forgotten that I told you all about my plans when you were here - but I do not wonder at that,because there was so much to talk about in such a shs short time. The German exam is to be on May 17,so you can use your imagination as to my state of mind now (oh la la), then I hope to be prepared for the comprehensive History and Philosophy exam a couple of months later - though I do not intend to rush unduly. In late July and August I hope to take a nice vacation which I,no doubt,shall need. More anon.

You should see the fence I have put at the back and the north side of my bak back yard! It is a pippin! Parenthetically, it cost something more than a nickel. Well, it keeps even the cats out - and is well worth while.

Write. With love,

Mildred. Boyd Jones

12-14-15

June 28, 1938

My dear Mildred:

I did not get West after all and I am just leaving for the North after finishing my manuscript. I shall be North until September. Let me know where you are going to be this summer.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Norddeutscher Lloyd
Bremen

Saturday Aft.
D. „BREMEN" July 29, 1935.

My dear Mr. Du Bois: Many thanks for the messages and I shall be looking for you at the pier when the Columbus docks on Sept. 4th. I hope you, Mrs. Du Bois, Yolande, & Du Bois are having a very restful enjoyable summer - & I am sure that you are. This trip is, I am sure, a life-saver for me. I was so tired on Monday, July 15 when Ned put me on the train at 2:35 in the afternoon that I sat still in the seat with my hat on (trying my best to relax enough to go to sleep in the train, & eat dinner) until 8:45 P.M. Then, however, I ate well but sensibly - & about 10:30 went to bed & to sleep.

The ocean voyage is wonderful, my cabin is entirely comfortable & convenient to bath, elevator, & dining room. Everyone is lovely to

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manner – Oslo, Stockholm, Gothenburg, Copenhagen – Bremen & N.Y.

Keep well, please. I am well – but am trying to get strong — (& keep up my courage – which once in a while has a tendency to ebb a bit – maybe).

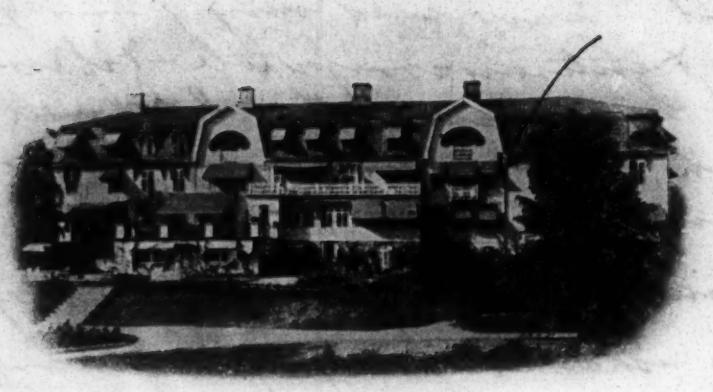
Love to all. A letter in the enclosed envelope or to that address will be forwarded to me.

Sincerely,
Mildred.

me — & I am quite happy. Your bon voyage message & letters from my relatives in New York in Washington, & the Steward in Washington were handed me when I asked for the key to my state-room — & they quite warmed my heart. Thank you so much.

We were in the Gulf Stream yesterday & it was hot as — at — Havana; yesterday it was quite cold; & today a tiresome roast makes one feel comfortable on deck. Thank Heavens, I haven't had one uncomfortable minute since I came on board. I hope I can say the same on Sept. 4th!

Monday, July 23 — I land at Southampton at 11 A.M. & take the afternoon train for London where I shall stay 2 days free to sight-see, shop, or do whatever I like, then up to Edinburgh for 3 days — then the Walter Scotts & Bobby Burns country, & back to Newcastle to take ship for Bergen, Norway, etc. etc. I'm not thinking beyond but taking in the pictures of the country — lakes, castles etc & of Scandinavia it is fairly heavenly



Hotell Siljansborg

Telefon ..... 21 RÄTTVIK
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12-14-13

Rättvik Stockholm Aug. 15, 1935.

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

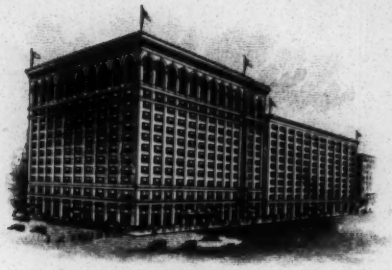
Arrived here this afternoon from Rattvick — where I stayed 3 nights & 2 days at the hotel pictured above which surely must be one of the most beautiful spots on earth. The enormous hotel, placed comfortably on the side of a mountain, is surrounded by numerous flower gardens of extraordinary loveliness. From my room window (indicated by arrow) I looked out upon form of those gardens — the rose, sweet-pea, geranium and nasturtium ones — and the lake, large and placid, stretching out from the foot of the mountain, far below. Have you ever visited Norway & Sweden? If not, you must do so. The grandeur & beauty of the Norwegian scenery, the exquisite charm of Sweden, the honesty and generous friendliness of these unostentatious people have been more than a tonic for my tired, jangling nerves. But everywhere — in England & Scotland & abroad ship — people have been so lovely to me. So far, I never had quite so delightful a trip — it is a costly one — but worth every penny expended — very comfortable travel & excellent hotel accommodations all the way. I surely vote for Thos. Cook & Son & for the N. G. Lloyd S. S. Line for they could not have taken better care of me. My comfort has been looked after in every detail & I have been gratefully surprised several times when high officials of

Cooke at various places (& hotel heads also) have been so very kind & solicitous that I be pleased & have said very plainly that they did hope I was pleased & entirely comfortable - & if not to just let them know - that Cooke had requested that I be well taken care of. Well, I needed just such care - when I realized how spent I was just before I left home, I was a wee bit frightened - & I couldn't relax for quite a while - but am now able to sleep - & beginning to be rested. My! I am ashamed of myself - talking so much about myself! I am indeed. I hope you, Mrs DuBois, Yolande, & DuBois are well & that your vacation was a glorious one. I never went to camp. It must be enjoyable - so many people go.

Now about my journey from N. Y. to Chicago. As usual, here I am bespeaking your good offices - but this time I am not asking you to permanently secure it (i.e. pay for it before I come) - in fact, I may be able to get a much reduced rate - but will not be sure until I reach N. Y. & see my brother. But as I reach N. Y. on Sunday, Sept. 4th & land about noon, I guess (you will know the exact time these in N. Y.) & must perforce be home sometime on Monday - Labor Day, I'll have to depart from N. Y. late that aft. or that evening. Could you ascertain whether or not there'd be any difficulty (because of Labor Day heavy travel) in securing accomodation on a good train (either on N. Y. Central - "The Commodore" or Penn "The General" - but not on the "Century" - which is an excess fare train) as late as Sunday Sept. 4th? If passage could not be bought as late as that date, could a reservation be made by phone (as we often do in Chicago) several days previously - to be called for on Sunday Sept. 4th? If so please do so & make the reservation for Mrs. M. Beasley (The Mrs for Mattie). I shall surely take it (whether or not I have to pay the full rate ~~now~~) but if it were already paid for at the full rate, it would not be possible for me to get a reduced rate if the opportunity presented itself - which I think it will. What a bother you must think me! Please don't though.

I am anxious to hear about your new [illegible] you spoke

WHILE SHOPPING AT
MANDEL BROTHERS
CHICAGO



A Store of Youth
A Store of Fashion
A Store of Moderate Price

Kenwood 8670
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
September 10, 1938.

12-14-18

My dear Mr. DuBois: Your letter written Sunday - probably at the very time when I was frantically making a last attempt to find you - I can't understand at a loss to understand how you missed me. I remember, definitely, that in my letter telling you of my intended trip I would have Cabin 59 & 2 on the Bremen & Cabin 200 on the Columbus &, with that knowledge, I had no idea that you could possibly miss me. It did not occur to me to mention the class of passage as I knew any steamship employee could quickly steer you to me if the Cabin was more given. I am so sorry to have missed seeing you and Mrs DuBois. I had looked forward so eagerly to it & again was so

very anxious to obtain your counsel & advice about something. But "such is life"! I came off the ship as soon as it docked & was dumbfounded when you could not be found. Then I went up & down that long dock again & again & to the baggage stands of all classes at the letter B (where my bag was) & also L which you might possibly look for - but could not find you. Finally about 9:15 I saw across some one who said she knew you (by sight) well & she also joined in the search. I was not long in the customs - but did not leave the dock until after 10, when I, finally, most wearily, went to the gate (the one which all passengers must go out) thinking that I'd probably find you awaiting me there in case you had not secured a pass to the dock, but you were not there. Really did not know what to do - whether I could get a Pullman to Chicago etc. etc. So I stood at the gate a few minutes & then went into a telephone booth & called your apartment. After so long a time, receiving no answer, I gave

that up I drove out to 210 - 24.20 th. St.
- no answer to bell & no name in bldg.
directory at entrance. Then to the apt.
of a friend, who kindly supplied car &
chauffeur to drive me back "to town"
in an effort to get a berth to Chicago.
I secured the last available lower (on
the Commodore - lower 14, Car 189). Back I
went to Harlem where the friend had
learned that you were at the Y. on
Saturday. I then phoned at once (about
12:30 Noon) to ascertain if you were
there - was informed that you were
registered but were not in at the time.
I asked for the head clerk & he said
that he was writing down the message
which I gave & would see that it was at
once delivered to you on your return. I
asked in the message that you would,
if possible, contact me at the train
lower 14, Car 189 - Commodore - N. Y. Central
leaving at 4.20 - where I would be as
soon as permitted to board the train -
the friend & family were dining in
Elsmere & leaving N. Y. at 10 P. M. - so I
had time on my hands - but here I am
safely at home - so everything is O. K.
I am grateful for your effort to see me &

for your getting up so early (please tell Mr. VanBrie for me, too.), & forgetting the reservation, too. I'll have to wait to see you until you come to Chicago. When will that be?

I found everything at home O.K. The yard is beautifully green yet - both front and back. You would like them, I know.

Am back at school with a full program of teaching, as usual - but am going to take your advice.

Take good care of yourself and let me hear from you. Love to you & Mrs VanBrie

Sincerely,
Mildred.

The trip was - all in all - the pleasantest one of my life. Much to tell you about it when I see you.

M.

Kenwood 8670
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.
November 8, 1938.

6-1-47-19

My dear Mr. DuBois: It was good of you to reply so promptly and to let me know that you were all right. I was much worried about you and feared (as you often fear about me) that you might be ill from overwork. Am happy that you and the entire family are quite well. I shall be glad to see you when you come to Chicago in February.

Things are moving along about as usual. School work is a "humdinger" for everyone here - they are glad of a job, but all look (and apparently feel) as though they have been passed through a clothes wringer.

My didactic work was

completed during the winter quarter, German exam. passed in May & until I sailed in July & made return, am reading & studying in preparation for "that" dreaded "comprehensive" — to be taken sometime. It is glorious though not to have to rush to classes & be out in awful weather coming home at night, etc. The reading & study at home & at libraries is enjoyable and profitable.

Am well — but as usual, weigh nothing to boast about, though I compel myself to eat, with well-regulated regularity.

Had a nice letter from the Nellie Smiths in Honolulu a few weeks ago. Captain spent an enjoyable summer in Japan and the Orient. They are fine friends & I am glad I know them.

Keep well & write. Love to all.

Yours Mildred.

17-2-15

255 N. Dean Street
Spartanburg, S. C.
August 22, 1938

Dear Mr. DuBois,

I shall be delighted to make reservations for you as requested in your letter of August 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg accepts your kind invitation to supper on Thursday, September 15. I am,

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Octavia Jones

Jones, R.E.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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1375 EAST LONG STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO

February 7, 1938

12-8-45

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta, University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

It is exceedingly appropriate that we should honor Dr. Bubois as you plan. Enclosed you will find my check. I will be present at the dinner.

Yours truly,

REJ/MJ

[JONES]

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February 18, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

My friend, Dr. W.A.C. Hughes of Philadelphia, is to be in Atlanta on February 23. He is one of the most prominent men in our Church. I would like for you to invite him to the Dubois Dinner.

You will catch him at Charleston, South Carolina, in care of Rev. C. C. Reynolds, 132 Wentworth Street.

I will see you Wednesday morning.

Yours truly,

REJ/MJ

17-21-18

April 22, 1938

My dear Mame:

17-7-43

I hope you are going to be sure to come to our fiftieth anniversary at Fisk. I cannot get there until the afternoon of June seventh but I thought we might arrange to have a class dinner that night at six. Please write and tell me that you will be there; also will you write Leonora? It might be nice if we could have Tyndal's daughter but I do not have her address. If you have it will you send it to me and will you write her also?

I hope this will find you in good health as it leaves me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mame Josenberger
703 North 11 Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

April 29, 1938

My dear Mame:

Do you ever answer letters?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mame Josenberger
703 North 11 Street
Wiley College
Marshall, Texas

703 N. 11 St
Ft Smith, Ark.,
May 9-'38

My dear Will:

Was glad to get a line from you anent our fiftieth anniversary at Fisk.

I know I shall never regret anything more than my inability to be present.

But the matter is simply that the State Association of Colored Women meet in my city on the same dates as comes the celebration.

I am president of the City Association which must entertain and so the moving spirit.

I've tho't I'd any way possible to get off but find I can't.

I would be so pleased to be with you and Lenard when you shall the youngsters what graduates look like after fifty years of hard struggles in the world's battle field.

I'm hoping you'll think of me and believe I shall be grieving.

Sincerely Yours,

Mame Josenberger

17-7-96

May 12, 1938

My dear Mame:

I am terribly disappointed at your letter of May 9. I am sure that you must realize what an extraordinary anniversary this is - fifty years after our graduation one-half of our class (indeed three-fifths of those actually graduated at the time) are alive and well. To neglect this last opportunity which we shall probably ever have of seeing each other is simply unbelievable. I know how important your club work has been but it cannot be true that your personal presence during the whole of the meeting is nearly as necessary as it is to impress upon the students of Fisk University what the last fifty years has meant in the world. If you could just be present for dinner and the evening meeting on the seventh and the morning of the eighth that would be all that is necessary. I am sure you could meet your clubs just before or just after and fulfill all necessary obligations. Won't you reconsider your decision? It is simply a matter of rightly assessing the relative importance of these two occasions and I am thoroughly convinced that the reunion is of greater importance than any possible meeting. I am breaking seriously into my own work in order to be there. I have a manuscript of a book promised to the publisher in June. I must give up at least a week's work on that and may delay publication for a whole season. Still I think the effort is worthwhile. Please think it over and let me hear from you.

17-7-47

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mame Josenberger
703 North 11th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

June 2, 1938

My dear Mamie:

17-7-23

I have planned this for the alumni dinner at 5:30 Tuesday, June seventh and I am just writing about it to Mr. Allison: a table for six persons with three occupied by you, Leonora and myself and three other seats between us for Tyndall, Edmundson and Maria. I think it would be a delicate and interesting way of celebrating our anniversary. But of course, as you can see, it will be impossible if you are not there. I do so hope you will come.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mame Josenberger
703 North 11th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

X with golden wreaths

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April 20, 1938

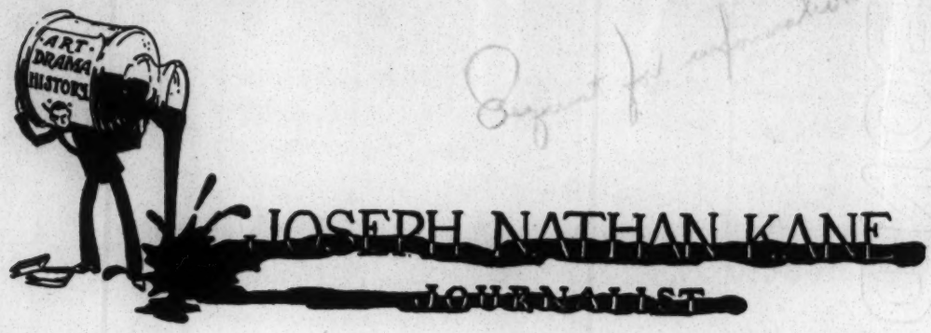
Request for mtg

17-16

At the last meeting of the Southern Historical Association, the Board of Editors of the Journal of Southern History decided to publish in the November issue a compilation of projects in Southern history in progress. If you have a project (or projects) under way, please fill in the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest opportunity and return it to the Journal Office. Copies are being mailed to members of the Association and to department heads in colleges and universities where there are no members. We believe the proposed compilation will be of advantage to everyone interested in Southern history.

Faithfully yours,
Fred Cole

FCC:g



817 West End Avenue,
New York, New York.
May 25,1938.

12-6-21

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,Ga.

Dear Dr.Du Bois;

Mr.Benjamin Brawley suggested that I communicate with you.

I am gathering additional material for volume three of "Famous First Facts" and would greatly appreciate any information which you may be able to supply with regard to Macon B.Allen,who is believed to have been the first Negro law regularly admitted to practice in the U.S. Have you any idea where he went to school,or where he was admitted (Maine 1844, or Mass.1845 are mentioned)

Also have you any data about Charlotte E.Ray,first Negro Woman Lawyer,who received her LL.B.degree from Howard University (School of Law) in 1872?

I do not know whether you are familiar with "Famous First Facts" and "More First Facts". Many pages are devoted in these books to the various firsts in the U.S. performed by Negroes.

Thanking you in advance for any cooperation which you may be able to offer, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Joseph Nathan Kane

Self addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

June 2, 1938

17-16-21

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of May 25, I regret to say that I never heard of Macon B. Allen and therefore, can give you no information. There is a well-known Ray family in Brooklyn. It is possible that Mrs. Owen M. Waller, 762 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, New York, who was a Ray by birth could tell you concerning Charlotte E. Ray.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Joseph Nathan Kane
817 West End Avenue
New York City

January 4, 1938

41-9-192

My dear Sir:

Answering your circular letter of December 16, I beg to say that I do not think that Gertrude A. Du Bois was related to me. My grandfather was born in the Bahama Island and his father in New York. I know of none of the family that went South except during the Civil War.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Joseph E. Keenan
32 Court Street
Brooklyn, New York

[September, 1938]

Dear Dr. Dubois,

I trust you do not mind having a stranger write to you. My name is Augustus M. Kelley, a graduate student in American history at Columbia University.

The occasion for this letter is my reading of your book Black Reconstruction in the United States. As you can imagine most of my work has been confined to the study of those cold, pithy, judicious, impartial, objective, and frigidly "scientific" books which are the staple of American history writing. And the books on Reconstruction, as you have shown so clearly, reach the bottom depths of ignorance and distortion achieved by the objective method.

Your book was a revelation, because it is the first scholarly work I have yet seen which is inspired by a passionate desire for justice and a deep love for the American people. It rises immeasurably above those cynical and smart aleck books which deal out undigested masses of information in such a way as to bedevil rather than elucidate the great issues of American history.

15-31-90

As a member of the generation which came of age during these years of crisis and depression, I felt impelled to find out a little more about America than would come to a member of the great middle class in the traditional course of events. Well, I found out enough about those things which only appear in garbled form in the newspapers and other channels of information – all about trade union struggles, farmers, new political movements – all the great efforts of the oppressed in America to win a decent way of life. When I returned to the American history books to find out how we had come to this pass, there was no explanation, no sympathy or understanding or even recognition of popular forces. It was then that I slowly began to realize that a true understanding and interpretation of our history is something that must be fought for with passion and at the same time with a merciless use of all the really scientific methods at hand. Life and vigour must be breathed into the corpse of our great democratic struggles of the past; the mummifying technique of the academic historians must be blasted once for all.

15-31-61

And so if you will forgive my fire-eating, I wish to pay tribute to one who has taken a stride forward and made a great contribution to American history writing.

After ploughing through Columbia's nauseating work on reconstruction, I conceived the project of showing how the academic historians in their truly objective manner have been the learned apologists and theoreticians for every step which has brought the south to the position of economic problem No. 1. Reading your book was highly encouraging, and I propose to work something out along this line.

15-31-92

With best wishes for your future work,

I remain yours sincerely,

Augustus M. Kelley
216 E 16th St,
N. Y. C.

P.S. I think you must have known my grandmother, Florence Kelley

September 28, 1938

My dear Mr. Kelley:

I knew your grandmother and counted her as one of my most valuable friends. She was a fine collaborator in my work for many years. I appreciate your kind words concerning Black Reconstruction. It has been criticized for its bias and enthusiasm and I have sympathy for the ideal of cold, impartial history but that must not be allowed to degenerate as it has so often into insensibility to human suffering and injustice. The scientific treatment of human ills has got to give evil full weight and vividly realize what it means to be among the world's oppressed. Thank you for your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

15-31-93

Mr. Augustus M. Kelley
216 East 16th Street
New York City

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17-8-1

Mr. Rayford W. Logan, Sec.
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Logan:

I think that the recognition about to be given to Dr. DuBois is a splendid move and in keeping with your request I am enclosing herewith my check for $5.00, hoping that the event may be as successful as your highest hopes can wish.

Very truly yours,

John A. Kenney

JAK:SF

[A. Kesseados]

181 W. 135 St
New York
30th January 1938.

Dear Sir,

I arrived in New York on the 20th inst: from England and I have much pleasure in enclosing a Card from Miss Anna Graves, now in Geneva. I shall be pleased to meet you when next you visit New York and you can at any time get in touch with me through Mr Thomas B. Dyett. Counselor-at-Law; 435 Convent Avenue, New York.

I am,
Sir,
Your faithfully
A. Kesseados

Application for appointment

17-10-92

Dear Dr. Du Bois [Enc.]

You remember I am sure that before going to Liberia I spent some time on the Gold

Miss Graves

Coast. For six weeks. I stayed in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kedeadoo. Mr. Kedeadoo is now coming

12-10-11

To the United States with
his boys. He has suffered
appalling injustice for British
imperialism - and is an extra
ordinary courageous and
able man. He is a barrister
I sincerely hope that you
can do something for him

Sincerely yours
Annie Graves
29 rue Fabert Paris

February 3, 1938

17-10-93

My dear Sir:

I have your letter and Miss Graves' card. I regret to say that I shall probably not be in New York until sometime late in the spring but I shall be glad to see you any time when I am there.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. Kesseadoo
181 West 135th Street
New York City

(MR. Kibbe)

17-12-09

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DR W E D DUBOISE

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY MENS DORMITORY ATLA

ON THIS BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY MAY YOU FEEL AS YOUNG AS YOU LOOK AND AS HAPPY AS YOU DESERVE TO BE

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(Mrs) Helen L. King
26 Hall Street
Williamstown, Mass.

17-17-64

Feb 11, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I suppose you remember the country cousins in the Berkshires the "garden spot of the world."

Well life flows calmly on here in the hills. I am writing you to congratulate you on your birthday. You see Dad asked me to so do. He passed his seventy-seventh on Mar 3rd.

Dad has been very very ill for a year and is just climbing

back to normal again.
You no doubt remember the little daughter of mine who insisted on calling you Commander Byrd when you were here. She is now at Business College and says to tell you when she graduates next year she will be down to add dignity and zest to your otherwise quiet existence. I am quoting her exact words you know. The youth of to-day I say I hope you fare well and that you celebrate many birthdays. Come and see us whenever you can.
Mother and I all both ask to be remembered to you.
Write when time permits.
Sincerely yours
H. Burghardt King.

12-17-65

April 29, 1938

My dear Helen:

I was very glad to hear from you and to get your birthday greetings. Give my best regards to your father and your daughter and tell the daughter if she writes me I may possibly answer although I do not promise.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Helen L. King
26 Hall Street
Williamstown, Massachusetts

[KING]

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 11, 1938

12-17-101

Professor Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Professor Logan:

I have your communication of January 4 announcing the plan for honoring Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. I think it is a capital idea, quite timely, and I shall be happy to serve as one of the "friends and associates" who are sponsoring this affair.

I shall send my contribution a little later.

Very cordially yours,

Willis J. King

Willis J. King

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King

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 8, 1938

17-8-51

Professor Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Professor Reid:

Many thanks for calling my attention to the DuBois Birthday Fund. Please find enclosed my check for $5.00.

Very sincerely yours,

Willis J. King

Willis J. King

WJK:MEW

Enclosure: Check

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

WABASH AVENUE DEPARTMENT
YMCA

3763 SOUTH WABASH AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL.

February 19, 1938

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Acting upon your suggestion after your lecture in Chicago on the night of February 14, I am forwarding to you under separate cover my blundering little effort in which you were gracious enough to permit me to include your likeness. May I be allowed again to extend to you my thanks for that favor? I wanted so much to say your "scholarly" lecture, but as it is an impropriety to praise one's superiors, I refrained from doing so. I discovered, however, that I am frightfully inconsistent; for the very breach of good form which I strove to avoid here, I committed in my autograph.

Whereas I was thoroughly thrilled as I am always when Dubois speaks, with what I heard, yet I am not so sure that I can say that I was entirely pleased with what I saw. It must be granted at the outset that when everything is considered, the tremendous amount of intellectual work, to say nothing of sheer thinking, which the man has done, a charge, by the way, of which the majority of us are innocent, that the man carries his three score and ten exceedingly well. I saw and heard Mr. H.G.Wells, in the Patten Gymnasium of Northwestern University last fall. He is seventy. Certainly, he looked not one whit better than you. Granted. We still want more. We want our idol to look as he did at the turn of the century. We want buoyancy of step to accompany brilliancy of speech.

If I had in my possession any secrets of longevity which I had even the vaguest suspicion was not the common property of so encyclopedic a mind, most assuredly, I would hasten to telegraph them to you. I feel quite certain that you not only

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WABASH AVENUE DEPARTMENT
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CHICAGO, ILL.

17-4-17

know all that Dr. Arnold Lorand, the great dietician of Carlsbad (formerly Austria) has had to say in his masterpieces,-"Old Age Deferred" and "Health and Longevity through Rational Diet" but I have even a sneeking suspicion that you know the man personally. It is too bad that no one seems to know the secrets of longevity of the Comte de St. Germain, who was born toward the close of the eighteenth century, and as, Mr. Carl Ramus tells us in his "Outwitting Middle Age" there is still no record of his death. This man, we are told, even at the great age of one hundred and fifty always looked like a man in the prime of "magnificent manhood" between thirty-five and forty. This much, however, is known,that, although he was on the social register of the nobility and the aristocracy in all or very nearly all of the capitals of Europe, he was extremely finical about his food. He sat at banquets upon one condition, that he would be required to eat nothing at table.

Dubois is with us. We want to keep him with us. We want not a memory of Dubois, but Dubois in the flesh. Why do not some of our millionaires or near millionaires show their gratitude to this man for his unselfish and untiring service by settling upon him a lump sum of, say, a hundred thousand dollars? Even that would not express our gratitude to this man. It is high time that he should be "up for retirement" from looking after us, in order that he may have a little more time and means to look after Dubois. It is time now that this man should begin a long stretch of doing nothing and an extended trek of following the sun with his basket of fruit. We want Dubois to be our Thomas Parr and Comte de St. Germain.

Respectfully,
Thomas Kirksey

17-4-53

March 8, 1938

My dear Sir:

At the request of President Florence M. Read of Spelman College, I am sending you herewith "A Suggested List of Subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat". I should be glad if you would return this to me after you have looked it over.

To understand this document it will be necessary for you to realize the circumstances under which it was gotten up. When we first proposed an Encyclopaedia of the Negro some people objected asking if there was a body of knowledge relating to Negroes which formed a fit field for encyclopaedic treatment. In answer to that question I prepared this list of possible subjects. It was prepared hurriedly and had no pretense to scientific accuracy. Indeed there are a number of obvious typographical errors; but it does indicate in a general way what subjects an Encyclopaedia of the Negro would treat.

This preliminary work was followed by an attempt to select specific subjects for an encyclopaedia and arrange them in alphabetical order. This was finished in 1937. Unfortunately there are but two typewritten copies: one in the hands of the General Education Board and one which we are working on and correcting here in the office. I should be glad later, if you should wish, to let you see a copy of this.

Of course the field which we propose to study presents various differences in its present readiness for treatment. The history and sociology of the Negro in the United States and the West Indies is pretty well known. The general course of the history of the Negro race in Africa and America is known and the geography of Africa and present economic condition. On the other hand, in the anthropology of Africa and ethnography we have practically only begun work. You will see that for this reason what I have done in the case of the races and peoples of Africa is simply to indicate what Deniker,

Hooten, Dowd, Seligman and others have indicated concerning the division of races, etc. This involves, of course, endless repetition which we have essayed to reduce in our later work. Some have objected to an Encyclopaedia of the Negro at this time because the anthropological data is so meagre and undigested; but my answer to this is that an encyclopaedia is not a definitive work; that it sets down for a particular time the state of the best scientific knowledge; and that such a statement is particularly necessary today because of the increasing role which the Negro race is going to play in the future social and economic world. I should hope that in twenty years at the outside a new edition or entirely new encyclopaedia would be published; but I maintain that this can only be well done in the future if present knowledge is fairly well fixed.

I have for this Encyclopaedia the promised collaboration of most of the leading anthropologists, historians and sociologists of America and the leading anthropologists of Europe. In the Negro race in America we have five young doctors of philosophy in anthropology capable of collaboration of which the most promising is Allison Davis whose work has been quoted in "We Europeans" by Huxley and Haddon.

I am dear Sir

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. P. Kirwan
The Croft House
Marcham, Abingdon
Berkshire, England

17-15-55

The Croft House,
Marcham,
Abingdon, Berks.

March 29th.1938.

Dear Professor Du Bois,

Thank you for your letter of March 8th. and for the copies of your suggested list of subjects for the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

The scheme for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro is most interesting and I fully realize that the list you sent is no more than provisional.

As to the History of the Negro in America and in the West Indies, I am not competent to express any opinion. My special interest lies in the sections devoted to the History of the Negro in Africa; in particular, Archaeology (p.5), and History of Africa, Negro in Egypt, Ethiopia etc (pp.43-53).

With regard to these sections I feel that the present arrangement and selection of the subjects and, to some extent, the information contained therein require considerable revision to bring the whole into line with modern research. I feel sure that you will understand that such a criticism in no way detracts from my appreciation of your excellent project as a whole. I hope that it will have every success. I trust that you will not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any further assistance in so far as my time permits.

Many thanks to you and President Florence M. Read for enabling me to look over your interesting syllabus.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

L.P.Kirwan.

L.P.Kirwan.

Professor W.E.B.Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Georgia. U.S.A.

[H. KRANOLD]

To Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

from H. Kranold
Talladega College
Talladega, Ala.

Dear Dr. DuBois,
President Gallagher passed on to me your letter of June 4th to him concerning my book. As I have no spare copy I have asked the publishers to send you a copy C.O.D. and leave to me the quickest way of getting it into your hands!

With the best compliments of Mrs Krauch

Yours very sincerely

H. Krauch

June 9th, 1938

17-6-29

17-5-30

June 16, 1938

My dear Professor Kranold:

Thank you for ordering the book for me. I am sorry that I could not get hold of a copy immediately. I am sending the manuscript of my book on a general history of the Negro race to the publisher at the end of the month and I am very much interested in your thesis as outlined. I had myself tentatively sometime since made an interpretation of modern race as a matter chiefly economic today and I think your book is a development of this line of thought. I wonder if you could possibly let me see a copy for a few days. I would rush it back to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Professor H. Kranold
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

[H. KRANOLD]

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

June 18, 1938

Books

17-5-31

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thank you very much for your letter. Unfortunately I cannot send you the only copy of the book which is in my hands, as I go North on Tuesday next and have to take the book with me.

But Mr Gallagher will have one of the copies in our Library and to go on Monday, so that will make it accessible to you. I only hope it will not prove a disappointment but helpful for your purpose.

Believe me, Dear Dr Du Bois,

Yours very sincerely

H. Kranold

June 28, 1938

17-3-44

My dear Mr. Krans:

This will be handed to you by my friend, Mr. Melvin D. Kennedy, instructor in history in Atlanta University. Mr. Kennedy is writing a thesis for his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago on the subject of French Slavery 1800-1850 and for this purpose is doing some work in research in Paris, Nantes and London. I would be very much obliged if you can give him any advice or help.

I remember with great pleasure how kind you were when I was in Paris in 1936.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Horatio Sheafe Krans
American University Union
173 Boulevard Saint Germain
Paris, France

Prof. Dr. Maxime H. Kuczynski-Godard
Lima, Perú, Miraflores Pasaje los Pinos 176 oct.15th,38.

17-7-12

Sir:

I red with profound interest your last article in "Foreign Affairs". I saw a good deal of Africa and South America (besides Asia) personally, being a pathologist, formerly at the University of Berlin, now here in Peru, to work on hygienic problems and to train young undergraduates and doctors to get modern medical men. But, here and there, I hurt myself with stupid racial prejudices, with the desire to exclude other human beings (are they really other?) from a fair chance of a free life developed within the boundary of the given posibilities, physical and moral. For this very reason I gladly left Berlin where such criminal tendency got religion. Years ago, returning from Central Asia I quoted a word of an ancient Chinese thinker : amongst learned people there does not exist anything like racial difference. May be, this is not altogether true, but, what it means, must be true if there is anything like humanity and christendom Therefore, it is more than necessary that such articles as yours, sincere and sober, are red all over the world. Of the many criminal and painful facts of human behaviour the Negro and his existence is one of the oldest and, yesterday as to-morrow, one of the most actual. The best help against "colonization" will be to train young Negroes in the best way, wherever it may be possible, to give them weapons to struggle on equal terms for life and civilization to prove what they can, and to deny by this existence the lie of "inferior races". I know that all this is much more complicated but it seems to me necessary to accept the simplest formula. It is unavoidable for successfull action. I should be very glad to get eventually more of y your work on the sociology of the Negro population and beg you to be sure that it will be an obligation and honour for me to contribute with all my forces and knowledge to your aspirations whenever and whereever I should be able to. Believe me, Sir, yours sincerely

Dos de estas hojas en un sobre "Air France" pesan menos de 5 gramos.

Glendale Park, Hammond, Indiana

Hedwig S. Kuhn, M. D.

Social Menu

April 16th,
1938

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

12-18-40

Dear Doctor DuBois:

It was a great privilege to have had the visit with you that I did. The young chap, that I had with me, is a very interesting person who will probably take an opportunity to come in and see you again. He is one of the finest characters that I think I have ever known, has great ability in writing, and is, at a later time, going to turn his varied and almost too intense experiences into writing. At present, he is trying to lay a foundation of a home in which to raise his family, and to be fairly rooted in the communities of Georgia which he is so interested in and attached to. You will find, I believe, for yourself the type of personality that he is, and will be interested in furthering any of his ambitions, and letting him assist you in anything that he might venture to offer assistance for.

Meanwhile, thanking you for the time you gave me,

Very sincerely, Hedwig S. Kuhn

HEDWIG S. KUHN, M.D.

HSK:EMR

June 28, 1938

17-3-13

My dear M. Labouret:

This will be handed to you by my friend, Mr. Melvin D. Kennedy, instructor in history in Atlanta University. Mr. Kennedy is writing a thesis for his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago on the subject of French Slavery 1800-1850 and for this purpose is doing some work in research in Paris, Nantes and London. I shall appreciate any help or advice you can give him.

Very sincerely yours,

Professor H. Labouret
26 Rue de La Pepiniere
Paris VIII
France

La Farge

[CIA FAREE]

ONE THOUSAND MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK
January 14, 1938

12-21-94

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Logan:

I am indeed honoured to be invited to be among those who will sponsor the celebration of Dr. du Bois' seventieth birthday. I enclose herewith my check for five dollars, and am sorry I cannot possibly make it larger at this time.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Oliver La Farge.

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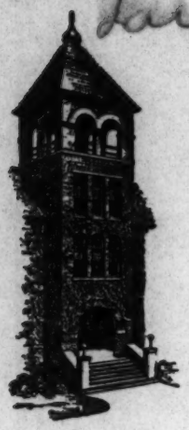

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SAMUEL M. LAING, PRESIDENT

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Logan:

17-8-52

Your letter of January 4th has just recently come to me and I hasten to answer it.

We have read the detailed statement in regard to the celebration for Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and we wish to congratulate you on your thoughtfulness in planning such a program and him on being the center of attention on this, his seventieth birthday.

It will be impossible for us to attend this testimonial event, but we are glad to make our contribution along with so many others toward the DuBois Birthday Fund. Knoxville College is glad to have this honor of sharing in this great event.

Yours very sincerely,

S. M. Laing

S. M. Laing, President

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12-8-38

February 4, 1938

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Logan:

It is with pleasure that I accept the invitation to serve as a sponsor for the celebration of the Seventieth Birthday of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois. Enclosed find my check for $5.00.

I shall be glad to do whatever else event will be required of me to help make this ~~fund~~ a success. I congratulate the Committee on having taken the initiative as there is no citizen in America more deserving of such a testimonial than Dr. DuBois.

Sincerely yours,

Daisy E. Lampkin

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[Lane, J.F.]

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12-12-85

February 4, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta Univeristy
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Doctor Logan:

It was very kind of you to write my father regarding the proposed testimonial for Doctor W.E.B. DuBois on his 70th borthday annuversary.

My father, Bishop Isaac Lane, departed this life December 5th, 1937. I am sure he would send a strong message of appreciation were he with us in the flesh.

Wishing for the movement the greatest possible success, I am glad to remain,

Yours very truly,

J. F. Lane

J.F. Lane President.

[Lane College]

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Jackson, Tenn.

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Lectures

17-1-93

January 20, 1938

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Prof of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My Dear Sir:

We are extending you a cordial invitation to be the principal speaker Thrusday evening at 8 P.M. February 10, 1938, in keeping with the program of Negro National History Week.

For the lack of funds we can defray only your expenses for transportation and make accommodations at the college while you are on the campus. We feel that your presence will be an inspiration to the students, faculty and citizentry at large.

Trusting that you will accept our invitation, I am

Cordially yours,

D. H. Tuggle

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D.H. Tuggle
Head of Dept. of History
and Political Sciences.

[Lane College]

17-1-41

January 24, 1938

My dear Mr. Tuggle:

I regret to say that it would be impossible for me to leave the University February tenth as this is just the beginning of our new semester. I appreciate the invitation very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. D. H. Tuggle
Lane College
Jackson, Tennessee

[Lane College]

Office of
THE PRESIDENT

Member of the
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

March 14, 1938

Dear Doctor DuBois:

The 56th Anniversary of Lane College will be celebrated this year, May 23rd-26th. The Commencement Exercises will be held on Thursday morning, May the 26th at 10 O' Clock.

We are hereby extending you a most cordial invitation to deliver the annual address before the members of the Graduating Class at this time. It is our hope that you can find it convenient to come to us for this service. Train service is very good between Atlanta and Jackson.

If you can favor us, we shall be happy to have you on our campus. The College is not financially able to pay you for your service, but we are prepared to take care of your travelling expenses and give a small bonus besides.

Please let me have a reply at your first convenience as our time is now quite limited.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Lane

President

To
Dr. W.E.B.DuBois

17-4-64

[Lane College]

March 17, 1938

17-4-65

My dear President Lane:

I regret to say that I shall be unable to attend the commencement exercises of Lane College as the date comes in the midst of our final examinations for the master's degree. I thank you for the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

President J. F. Lane
Lane College
Jackson, Tennessee

March 21, 1938

17-16-6

My dear Mr. Laski:

Will you kindly tell me if there has been made any study of the economics of the South African mining situation particularly from 1884 onward? I am looking for something similar to Woolf's "Empire and Commerce in Africa." Unfortunately he only touches upon South Africa incidentally. I am particularly interested in estimating the real economic cost in the widest sense of the word of the European investments in South Africa. I have tried, for instance, to get some idea of the cost of the South African (Boer) War. I shall appreciate any references you can give me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harold J. Laski
University of London
England

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(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

HOUGHTON STREET,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

31st March, 1938.

Dear Mr.DuBois,

In the absence of Professor Laski, who is at present in the United States, I thank you for your letter to him of the 21st March. On his return to this country in a few weeks' time, I will ask him to reply to your enquiry.

Yours truly,

A. Murray

Secretary to Professor Laski.

W.E.B. DuBois, Esq.,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

L.B.R. LATIMER]

355 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Jan. 27, 1938

17-8-11

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Logan:

I am enclosing a check for the testimonial which you are planning for Dr. duBois. I wish to Congratulate you upon this very timely occasion and feel the personal memento and permanent memorial are very fitting.

Regretting that we shall

be unable to attend the banquet but wishing you a very successful event.

Very sincerely,

(Mr. and Mrs.) B. R. Saturno

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

DuBois Birthday Committee
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-8-39

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is five dollars in currency, my contribution to the DuBois Birthday celebration.

Very truly yours

H. B. Lawson

(Miss) H. B. Lawson

February 4, 1938

Lawson

111 Adelaide St.

R. AUGUSTUS LAWSON

17-8-15

Hartford-Conn. January 31-'38

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

I consider myself fortunate to be asked to contribute to the Du Bois Birthday Fund. Dr. Du Bois has served us richly and I hope that you will be successful in your efforts in his behalf and thereby show to the world our deep and loyal appreciation of his ability and service.

Cordially yours.

R. Augustus Lawson

Lee

[Lee, J.R.E.]

The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College

J. R. E. LEE, PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January
31
1938

12-8-19

Mr. Rayford W Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Logan:

I am in most hearty accord with the testimonial for Dr. DuBois. I am enclosing a check for $5.00. I do not think it will be possible for me to be present at the dinner.

I hope you may have a hearty response.

Yours very truly,

J R E Lee, President

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L. G. L.

30 Bowdoin St.
Worcester, Mass.
May 1, 1935

17-16-12.

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of my Sunday School Superintendent and physician Dr. Horace G. MacKenzie. He believes that you will be able to offer me assistance which will be of vital importance to me in my work. I hope to receive my Master's this coming August. I am writing my thesis on "The Philosophy of the Negro School"—

familiar. I shall appreciate your kindness very much.

Yours very truly,

Lillian G. Lee

This means a cross section of the schools in the South - possibly Fisk, Atlanta, Shaw, Hampton, and Tuskegee. It will include a discussion of a cultural versus an industrial education for the Negro, the advantages and disadvantages of segregated schools, the needs of and recent progress in Negro education. This may not be its final shape, but I'm working along these lines at present. It is very difficult to get any literature here in Worcester. I have been a little more successful in Boston, but I have not as recent material as I should like.
Dr. MacKinnon said that you might be able to advise me as to certain sources of information or any current material with which you are

17-16-13

June 13, 1938

My dear Miss Lee:

I am very sorry that your letter of May first got in the commencement rush and I have just come across it. Your thesis, I hope, is finished by this time but if not and you still need my advice, I should be very glad to write you upon hearing from you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lillian G. Lee
50 Bowdoin Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

[Lee]?

RICHARD B. HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
135 EAST HARGETT STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

12-18-38

November 29, 1938

Dear Dr. W.E.B.D.

Glad that you are planning to be in my part of the country in Feb. Maybe I can get to see how you look again.

I talked with Mrs Delany today and she said that she thought St.Augustine could arrange to have you speak again this year. Of course she isn't certain at this time. I suggest that you write her immediately, Mrs. Julia Delany, St. Augustine's College.

Shaw is in the midst of working out it's program for the year. Contact Mr. Harry Gilsmyth at Shaw University. He is chairman of the lyceum committee.

Sincerely,

Mollie

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

February 4, 1938.

12-8-40

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Logan:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January fourth from which I have taken note that on February twenty-third, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, will be seventy years old and that his friends are planning a suitable testimonial to him as editor, teacher, scholar, man of letters and crusader for human rights.

I sincerely wish that I could participate in this well deserved tribute to him. Unfortunately, the pressure of official business makes it impossible for me for the time being to leave New York State.

I take pleasure in enclosing my check for twenty-five dollars ($25) as a contribution to the DuBois Birthday Fund.

I hope the occasion will be a great success from every standpoint.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman

61-1-71

December 1, 1938

My dear Mr. Lemon:

I am thinking tentatively of a short trip to Cuba in January but I could only make it by meeting my expenses in part by lectures. Do you think I could arrange for one lecture each in Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami and Key West? If so, would you kindly send me addresses of persons or organizations with whom I could communicate? I am writing to you and also Mr. A. L. Lewis. Of course January is pretty near Christmas time and may find the public rather tired. The lectures could come the latter half of the month. I should be glad to hear from you at your leisure.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Lemon.

Very sincerely yours,

Attorney J. G. Lemon
Savannah
Georgia

J. G. LEMON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

December 6
1938

17-1-20

My dear Dr.DuBois:

I took up your proposed coming to Savannah with President B.F.Hubert of the Georgia State College here and with Prof.Asa Gordon also of that institution,because in my own experience I believe it is more desirable in every way to promote the lecture under joint sponsorship of the college and other interests. We are sure to have an appreciative audience and one of sufficient size to insure costs of the occasion.

These gentlemen feel sure it can be done, and Mr.Gordon,very interested in the A.U.alumni,will swing that body into line. I expect to interest the Savannah Business Men's Association. President Hubert will submit the proposal to his faculty this week. There seems to be a genuine desire to hear you,although this is not a town of much cultural appreciation.

I will be in Atlanta Thursday night for appearance before the Georgia Prison Commission Friday morning,and I will undertake to see you at that time.

Regards to Mrs.DuBois.

Youra truly,

J. G. Lemon

17-1-21

December 15, 1938

My dear Mr. Lemon:

I had forgotten an engagement which I have in Washington so that the earliest date that I could come to Savannah would be Monday, January 23, 1939. I would be unable to get there on the twentieth.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. G. Lemon
Savannah, Georgia

Request for information

January 10, 1938

17-16-101

My dear Mr. Lemon:

I have been asked to secure this information: Are there good colored hotels or boarding houses in Augusta, Savannah and Jacksonville? Is there a permanent boarding place or any place to stay at the beach at Fernandina? I should be glad if you could send me names and addresses.

I trust this will find you and Mrs. Lemon in good health. I shall thank you for any information that you can give.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. G. Lemon
511 East Henry Street
Savannah, Georgia

J. G. LEMON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Savannah, Ga.

January 14
1938

Hotels

My dear Dr.DuBois:

Replying to your inquiry of hotel and / or boarding-house accommodations for colored people at Augusta, Savannah, Jacksonville and Fernandina:

Augusta: Good accodations in private homes.

Savannah: Good accommodations, and ample, at private homes.

Jacksonville: Very good hotel accommodations at Hotel Richmond, for a number up to thirty-fifty people, perhaps. Ample accommodations in private homes. (Hotel Richmond, Mrs. Kirkpatrick)

Fernandina: Beach development by Afro-American Insurance Company. So far, a few cabins and rooms at the beach, with perhaps the chance to hire a few rooms from persons owning bungaloes.

The beach is five miles from Fernandina, where comfortable homes with private families are available.
The beach is about thirty-two miles from Jacksonville.
There are plans for considerable development of the beach as a resort.

17-2-3

We are all very happy here over your coming anniversary because you have lived such an unselfish and serviceable life. Congratulations.

Yours truly,

J. G. Lemon

January 24, 1938

17-2-4

My dear Mr. Lemon:

Thank you very much for the information sent me January fourteenth.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Lemon.

Very sincerely yours,

Attorney J. G. Lemon
Savannah
Georgia

G. Howard
O. J. C.
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

210 W. 150th St.
Apt. 3A
N.Y., City

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
~~Atlanta University~~
~~Atlanta, Georgia~~

Oakwood College
Huntsville, Alabama
August 2, 1938

Dr. DuBois,

I would like very much to have your picture, and one of the books you wrote concerning Sociology.

Truly Yours,
G. William Leonard

17-3-18

September 21, 1938

17-3-19

My dear Sir:

You will find a list of my published works in Who's Who in America.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. G. William Leonard
Oakwood College
Huntsville, Alabama

[Lewis, A. L.]

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January 17, 1938

17-2-5

Sir:

Will you please give me some information about the Fernandina Beach? Is it open at present or would it be possible for a person to find board and lodging there during this month? To whom could I write? I should be under great obligation if you would give me this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Director, Fernandina Beach
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
East State Street
Jacksonville, Florida

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January
Eighteenth
1938

Hotels

Doctor W E B Duboise
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-2-6

Honored Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January seventeenth. The casino is closed and there is no convenience for accommodation at the beach.

I have however a cottage of my own - and we are always anxious to accommodate distinguished friends, hence if you have your own help, could let you have our place for thirty days or more.

Respectfully yours

A L LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

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December 1, 1938

My dear Sir:

I am thinking tentatively of a short trip to Cuba in January but I could only make it by meeting my expenses in part by lectures. Do you think I could arrange for one lecture each in Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami and Key West? If so, would you kindly send me addresses of persons or organizations with whom I could communicate? I am writing to you and also Mr. J. G. Lemon. Of course January is pretty near Christmas time and may find the public rather tired. The lectures could come the latter half of the month. I should be glad to hear from you at your leisure.

17-10-34

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. L. Lewis
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

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December
Seventh
1938

Professor W E B Dubois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-10-35

Dear Sir and Friend:

Reference is made to your letter of December 1. Doubtless the city would be willing to entertain you and sponsor your trip,- but the Afro-American Life Insurance Company of which I am Chairman of the Board, is all busy during of the month-- closing out the year and planning for the new year-- meeting of the directors and stockholders.

However, I am giving the following names who perhaps would serve and sponsor the trip:

President C S Long, Jr. Edward Waters College
Jacksonville, Florida
President Abram L Simpson, Acting, Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida
President N W Collier, Florida N and C Institute
St. Augustine, Florida
Mr. K L Pharr 1025 Northwest Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Very sincerely yours

A. L. Lewis

A L LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

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Lewis

Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 16, 1938

17-8-103

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Logan:

No Negro more highly deserves the kind of national recognition with which your Committee plans to honor Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois on his seventieth birthday; no place could more appropriately take the initiative in such recognition than Atlanta — scene of the achievements that first brought Dr. Dubois into national prominence.

Inclosed please find my contribution of five dollars to the Du Bois Birthday Fund.

Cordially yours,
Lloyd O. Lewis

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December 13, 1938

OFFICE OF PUBLICITY

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-10-49

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We should like to have you lecture before the Lincoln University student body sometime this year. However, before we can enter into any agreement with you, we should like to know when you plan to be in this section, when you are otherwise available, and your price for one or more lectures.

We should appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Armistead S. Pride

Armistead S. Pride
Chairman, Public Relations
Committee

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December 16, 1938

My dear Sir:

I am making a lecture tour in the Middlewest the second week in February. I could speak in Jefferson City, February tenth or eleventh or February fifteenth or sixteenth. However, I am offering these same dates elsewhere and would have to have your decision soon. I should charge seventy-five dollars for a single lecture and one hundred dollars for two lectures. I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Armistead S. Pride
Lincoln University
Jefferson City, Missouri

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80-1-71

OFFICE OF PUBLICITY

December 20, 1938

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My Dear Mr. DuBois:

Inasmuch as our schedule for the first four months of 1939 has been completed, we shall not find it possible to engage you in February. However, if you are in this section in May, or will be available next fall, we may find it possible to date you then.

Very truly yours,

Armistead S. Pride

Armistead S. Pride,
Chairman of Public
Relations Committee

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[Lincoln Young People's FORUM]

1305 B Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
January 1, 1938

17-1-95

Mr. William E. Burghart Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

This spring the Lincoln Sunday Forum is going to present several of the country's outstanding lecturers to Lincoln and neighboring cities. Your name is among this list of notables, subject of course to your approval.

The Forum will pay your transportation fee to and from Lincoln, your board and lodging while in Lincoln, and the cost of the lecture. If you accept, please inform the Forum of the cost of the lecture divorced from transportation, room and lodging.

The subject of the lecture will be left to you. Any date around the latter part of April will be a good one. The Forum believes a Monday night will be the best night.

The memory of your last visit still occupies a warm spot in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to hear you. It is, therefore, sincerely hoped that you will be able to increase this warmth with a return visit this spring.

Very truly yours,

President
Eldridge Cowdrey

Chairman of Program
committee
Charles G. Bloom

[Lincoln, Peoples Forum]
Young

96-1-71

January 4, 1935

My dear Sir:

I appreciate your kind invitation of January first but regret to say that the dates of my February lecture trip have been filled and it would be impossible for me to get to Lincoln. It is barely possible that I might make a trip in April or May but that is not at all certain. I appreciate the offer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Eldridge Leonard
1305 B Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

17-1-97

Lincoln, Nebraska
February 15, 1938

Dr. William Edward Burghardt DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

At about the first of January we wrote you in behalf of the Lincoln Young People's Forum, asking if it would be possible for you to visit Lincoln at about the latter part of April to deliver a public lecture on a subject of your own choosing, and also as to your terms for the lecture outside of train fare and expenses, if you come at our request. In reply you stated that at that time it was impossible for you to visit Lincoln in February, but that one in either April or May was barely possible, though you were undecided.

The Forum is still interested in having you come to Lincoln for the purpose stated above. Practically all the civic organizations in Lincoln and vicinity have been contacted and the response is highly gratifying. A keen interest and enthusiasm has been stirred up among these organizations when you were mentioned as a possibility. May we name a few of such clubs: The Lincoln Federation of Church Women; the Optimist Club; the Cosmopolitan Club; the Ministerial Association; etc. These organizations are anxious to have the Forum find out definitely how much you are asking for the lecture should you find it convenient to come and what your subject will be tentatively.

The Forum wishes to suggest that any date you may find convenient for the occassion in May, will be agreeable to all concerned. In case May proves inconvenient, the latter part of April is acceptable. It is hoped, however, it will be sometime in May.

An early reply at your convenience will be appreciated.

Mr. Eldridge Leonard President
Mr. Charles G. Bloah Chairman of Program Committee
Charles G. Bloah

Address letter in care of Charles G. Bloah
645 So. 20th
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

17-1-98

Special Delivery
3/2/38

675 So. 20th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
February, 26, 1938.

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The Lincoln Young People's Forum wrote you on the 15th of February, asking if you would come to Lincoln either in April or May, preferably May, to deliver a public address on any subject you may prefer to discuss. Thus far, there has been received no reply from your office concerning the proposal. The organization is fearful by the letter having gone astray in the mail. It is still hoped that your answer will be favorable.

Yours truly,
Charles G. Sloan
645 So. 20th Street
Lincoln, Nebr.

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[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

66-1-41

March 4, 1938

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 15 found me in the midst of a rather elaborate celebration of my birthday so that I had no time for correspondence. The distance from here to Lincoln and the time necessary for travel is so great that I am afraid I can hardly make you a reasonable offer. First of all I could not come until June. Our commencement day here is June sixth and my engagements are of such that I would not dare to leave before that. I might speak for you the week of June sixth. The round trip fare and pullman from Atlanta to Lincoln would be $80 and I should have to charge $100 for my lecture which would make it practically $200 with expenses. For $200 I would be willing to give two lectures.

I am enclosing a list of my subjects. This, I am afraid is too large a sum for you to undertake and the date that I can offer is, I realize, rather late in the season. I should not be surprised, therefore, if you are not able to meet these conditions. I thank you very much for your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles G. Bloah
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

Lectures Jan-Dec

7-1-100

645 South 20th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
March 16, 1938

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to accept the terms of your offer to deliver a lecture in Lincoln, Nebraska, the week of June 6th, for the sum of $100 plus $80 for round trip fare and pullman. Your statement, "For $200, I would be willing to give two lectures," has been interpreted to mean that for an additional $20, making the total amount of $200, we are to expect two lectures. Are we interpreting the above statement correctly?

If so, we would like for you to deliver the lectures on different nights because that would give us the advantage of a better crowd each night.

We suggest Friday and Saturday evenings, June 10, 11, 1938 as the dates of the lectures. If you only speak once, we suggest Friday evening, June 10, 1938 as the date.

We have chosen the following subjects:

(1) The Present Economic Revolution
(2) Democracy

If you only speak once, the first subject is preferred.

We desire a small photograph of yourself, as soon as possible, for advertising purposes.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Eldridge Leonard

Charles Blocah

Eldridge Leonard, President
Charles Blocah, Chairman of Program Committee

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

17-1-101

March 21, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 16. I shall be glad to speak at Lincoln, Nebraska Friday and Saturday evenings, June tenth and eleventh, on the "Present Economic Revolution" and "Democracy". The fee is to be two hundred dollars which includes all my expenses except board and lodging while in Lincoln. I shall expect you to furnish that.

I am sending herewith my photograph. I do not furnish other advertising material.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Eldridge Leonard
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Lincoln, Young People's Forum]

17-1-102

May 17, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have not heard from you since March 21. I should be glad to know just how your plans for my lectures are coming on.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Eldridge Leonard
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

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17-1-103

Fast message June 2, 1938

Mr. Eldridge Leonard
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

May I have an immediate answer to my letter of May seventeenth.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Charge to Main 5328

[Lincoln Young People's History]

401-1-41

645 So. 20th St.
Lincoln, Nebraska

June 2, 1938

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Young People's Forum regrets very much the postponement of your lecture here for June 10 of this year owing to the rise of some difficulties.

The difficulties referred to relate themselves to the complaint that the month of June is a peculiar one for an out-of-state lecture, in that it is generally too hot about the tenth of that month and people are inclined to leave town on their summer vacations; the University group consisting of professors and students who would support the lecture are leaving during this period for various other centers. The stable population here cannot be dependent upon to support such a program at this time.

For these reasons, the University of Nebraska Convocation Committee has agreed to bring you to Lincoln in a joint effort sometime in the Fall or Spring, and have you address the University Convocation meeting and then the Forum meeting in the evening of the same day.

This arrangement will make it better for everyone concerned.

Yours truly,

Elridge Leonard, President

Charles G. Blooah, Chairman
of Program Committee

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

October 7, 1938

17-10-61

My dear Sir:

I promised last year to let you know when I would be available for a lecture or lectures in Lincoln. I beg to say that on February twelfth I am speaking at the University Chapel, University of Chicago and could come to Nebraska if engagements were arranged.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Eldridge Leonard
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

2225 "S" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
November 3, 1938

17-10-62

W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of October 7.

The matter has been placed in the hands of the Forum's Program Committee. Although it has not reported to me, I feel confident that an affirmative report will be forthcoming.

I shall impart to you, within a reasonable space of time, the conclusion of the committee's deliberation.

I deeply appreciate this information

concerning your nearness to Lincoln in February 1939.

Respectfully yours,
Eldridge Leonard, President
The Lincoln Young People's Forum

17-10-63

[Lincoln Young People's Forum]

645 So. 20th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
December 19, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Dep't of Sociology
Atlanta, University
Atlanta Georgia

12-13-23

My Dear Dr. DuBois:

Mr. Eldridge Leonard the president of the Lincoln Young People's Forum is no longer with the organization. He, however has turned over to me the communication which he received from you regarding the possibility of your coming to Lincoln after you have left Chicago. In that regard, you stated that you would be in the University of Chicago Chapel on the twelfth of February.

May I inquire if it would be possible for you to give us a date between the twelfth and the nineteenth of February? If this is not convenient, please suggest a date that you could be with us. It is important that we know as soon as possible so as to begin printing of tickets and making definite plans for your coming.

We are interested in the subject "Democracy". In the meantime, we are contacting the University of Nebraska Convocation Committee to see if it could use you in a second address. If so, we suggest the subject, "The Present Economic Revolution."

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Yours truly,

Charles G. Blocah

THE LINCOLN YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM

Charles G. Blocah
Chairman of Program Committee

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Night Letter

December 20, 1938

Mr. Charles G. Bloah
645 South Twentieth Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

I could speak in Lincoln the fifteenth, sixteenth or seventeenth of February but must have an answer soon as the same dates have been offered elsewhere. stop charge one lecture one hundred two lectures one hundred fifty dollars.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Charge to Main 5328

17-13-24

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DuBois Birthday Fund Com.
Atlanta University.

Gentlemen:—

Enclosed please find check for $5.00 as our contribution to DuBois Birthday Fund.

Nothing could give us greater pleasure than honoring our friend and race leader..

With best wishes for the success of the effort, we are,

Very truly yours,
The Benjamin H. Lockes

January 5, 1938

87-7-78

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Here is a letter. I am so glad to hear that Davis is going to be here. Could you two have lunch or dinner with me Thursday?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 8, 1938

Memo to Mr. Logan:

17-4-79

What is the best book on elementary economics published since the war which is well balanced giving Marx's his due and not reactionary?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 10, 1938

08-4-71

Memo to Mr. Logan:

There are two omissions in the very kind letter which you have sent out concerning my birthdays. one is Harvard University and the other is the Government of Liberia where I was once Special Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 20, 1938

Memo to Mr. Logan:

In re-writing my little book The Negro I want to get additional and a better set of facts concerning the Negro in the West Indies and South America. I have Carleton Beals recent and excellent book America South. Could you recommend two or three other books or articles that would be of use?

12-3-27

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 27, 1938

17-4-81

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Logan:

Cedric Dover, a rather celebrated Eurasian and author of many books, is coming to visit me and writes that he will be here Friday or Saturday. If he should come in time for dinner Friday, could you put him in the pot? I should like to have you meet him.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. and Mrs. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 24, 1938

17-4-82

Memo to Mr. Logan:

This is a memorandum that I am sending to Mr. Stokes to meet some lately expressed apprehension. I think we still stand a good chance to get the funds but naturally there is still hesitation. Will you read this over and make any suggestions that occur to you before I mail it?

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 25, 1938

17-4-83

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

I believe that your memorandum of February 24 to Dr. Stokes is unexceptioonable and unanswerable with perhaps two reservations.

1. Last paragraph, page 3-- How do you reconcile the statement that there would be no difference of opinion with respect to the number and distribution of the Negro peoples with the statement that there is no agreement as to who are Negroes?

2. Subparagraph B, page 4-- I hope that the necessity for this proposal can be avoided. At all events, it might be better to have it come from the board rather than have it originate with you. The last paragraph on page 4 really seems to me to clinch the matter.

In order to save time I am returning herewith my copy with notations as to editorial corrections.

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 5, 1938

My dear Mr. Logan:

I want to thank you deeply for the hard work which you did in promoting the birthday celebration. It was a fine and unselfish gesture.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 21, 1938

17-4-85

My dear Dr. Logan:

Can you have lunch with Dr. Miyake and myself at the Atlanta University Dormitories Tuesday at one p. m.?

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 8, 1938

17-4-86

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for letting me read the letter of Dr. Stokes of March 28 and the enclosures. His letter contains the best news I have had in ages. Congratulations and Eureka!

I shall want to talk with you next week concerning the revised list. By that time I expect to have information on all of the items for which we had no reference.

I have noted the name of Mr. B. W. Vilikazi for our list.

Sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Cpy to APS

May 12, 1938

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

As I am finishing the revised list of topics and references, this thought comes to me. The list will continue to be incomplete until the topics have been suggested by the African and the other Latin American experts. But even this incomplete list won over three of the most influential members of the G E B. I am optimistic enough to believe that if you should now prepare a half-dozen articles, you might be able to win over the entire board. I would suggest one on Africa, one on the United States, one on Latin America, and articles in the field of anthropology, sociology and education. The revised list will be ready the middle of next week.

L8-4-71

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

June 2, 1938

Memo to Mr. Logan:

In a letter from Mr. Stokes May 24, there is the following reference to you "I am glad to know that Dr. Logan has secured a professorship at Howard. I am sure that he will do well and I will have a chance to keep in touch with him here."

17-4-88

Mr. Stokes has guaranteed funds to keep the office here going up until July, 1939. He is agreed upon financing the writing of special articles or projects and thinks that that is possible but advises that it is best not to push that matter at this time since he still has hope in the Carnegie people and eventually the Rockefeller people for the full amount. He has called a meeting of the executive committee July second. I hope you will be able to sit in. I think I had better depend upon your brother for copying the list of encyclopaedia subjects. Please put the matter before him and let me have an estimate of the cost. I will try to meet it.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 7, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-4-90

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for transmitting to me the reference to me in Dr. Stokes's recent letter.

It is most gratifying to learn that provision has been made for the continuation during the coming year of your office arrangement.

Mrs. Logan will take to Washington on Thursday the revised list to be typed by my brother. He will have three copies ready by July 2.

I should like very much to be able to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee in Washington on July 2. Since it falls on a Saturday, I could be there without detriment to my summer school work here.

Sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

June 21, 1938

17-4-91

Memo to Mr. Logan:

I am sorry to have delayed. I want to tell you how much I appreciate your cooperation and hope we can keep it up next year.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

1011 O Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
August 3, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150 Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Bibliography of Bibliographies that I prepared for the proposed Encyclopedia of the Negro. I left two copies with Dr. Stokes with whom I had a long talk yesterday.

41-128-2

At the suggestion of Dr. Stokes I am sending you herewith an article sent me by one of my friends who knows of the proposed Encyclopedia. When you have looked it over, please send it by registered mail to Mr. S. K. Lowrie, 504 Beall Avenue, Wooster, Ohio. He is desirous of having it published. Can you offer him any suggestions?

I brought all of the Encyclopedia material here with me in order to be sure that you have it in the fall. I'll send down to you the correspondence about October 1.

In all proabbility I shall be in New York at some time during the summer. In the meanwhile, I am house hunting so that you will have a convenient place to break your trips. It looks as though I shall have to build, but by Christmas we ought to be able to offer you hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 3, 1938

17-4-75

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am sending you under separate cover the materials that I collected for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro in accordance with our conversation toward the close of school. I am keeping the rest of them year so that I can add to them from time to time.

It seems strange for me not to be in Atlanta. I miss most of all the very pleasand and profitable association that I enjoyed with you.

If I can be of any service to you in running down information here, either I or my brother will be glad to assist you.

How does Mrs. Du Bois find Atlanta? Please give our best reagrds to her and to my former colleagues. With all good wishes, I am,

Most sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

October 18, 1938

My dear Mr. Logan:

I suppose no copy of your thesis is yet available for the eager general public. I am writing for my new book a resume of Haitian history and I am very much puzzled about certain incidents which I cannot get straight after reading Bryan Edwards, Waxman, Davis, Vinogradov, Steward, Beard and Leger.

17-4-76

This is the point: in 1790, April 16, a Colonial General Assembly met at Saint Marc. They made some gestures toward the mulattoes by lessening their militia services and also they issued what was practically a declaration of independence. Simultaneously a Provincial Assembly in the north refused to recognize them and out of that rose what was practically civil war between the whites. A large number of members and relatives of the Saint Marc assembly took ship for France.

What puzzles me is this: assuming as some of the authors say that the Saint Marc assembly represented the petits blancs and that the northern Provincial Assembly represented the great planters; just why did these factions fall out? Did they both want independence and their disagreement was a matter of who was going to run the future colony, the big planters or the little men and merchants? Was the rapproachment between the big planters and the mulattoes at this time or between the petits blancs and the mulattoes. Later, of course, a concordat was agreed to between the planters and the new Colonial Assembly which met August 9, 1791. But as I say at the 1790 assembly just what was the real economic cause of the civil war among the whites and what was the attitude of either or both of the parties toward the mulattoes?

It is too bad to bother you with a matter of this sort but after throwing away three or four days with these authors I am compelled to turn to better authority.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Logan. We miss you here.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

P. S. I have given your name to the lecture bureau of the colored YMCA in Detroit. They furnish a splendid Sunday audience and pay at least fifty dollars.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 26, 1938

Air mail

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In reply to your letter of October 18 I am enclosing herewith a brief statement that, I hope, satisfactorily answers the questions in the third paragraph. In the event that it does not, however, I am sending under separate cover the two best books on the subject.

17-4-27

One of the editors of the Oxford University Press looked over about half of my manuscript on Haiti and is sufficiently interested to want to see the whole thing by the end of November. No commitment, of course, but a rather encouraging attitude.

If I can be of any further assitance on either this subject or any other, please call upon me.

I suggested to Mr. Ira Reid that he is the logical person to take my place on the Advisory Council of the Encyclopaedia as a representative of Atlanta University.

The Howard Board made the following appointments yesterday: Wesley as dean of the graduate school; Charles Thompson, dean of the college of liberal arts; Hastie, dean of the law school in 1939.

I appreciate very much your suggestion to the Detroit YMCA.

The lot is bought in Brookland. When you are ready to return South in 1939 Mrs. Logan and I are already saving a room for you and the family. She joins me in kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

November 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Logan:

Thank you very much for the statement which you sent me. I am returning the books. Within a few weeks I am going to write you about some further cooperation which you or your brother may be able to give. We are also sending some letters which belong to you but were included in the Encyclopaedia material which you sent.

My regards to Mrs. Logan.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

17-4-74

[Ruth Logan]

June 6, 1938

17-4-68

My dear Mrs. Logan:

May I thank you for your beautiful singing today?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-6-84

830 - 12th Avenue, N.
Birmingham, Alabama
January 2, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

You will see that this is quite a different approach from that which I previously made. I cannot say that it is a better one-even a desirable one. Nor am I sure that the effort I am presenting is sufficiently comprehensive to be of special merit. If you find the idea insufficiently intelligible, do not bother to try to make it otherwise.

You will notice that there are some ommissions of necessary material-that having to do with proposed place of study, indivuduals under whom study would be made, period of time which study would require for completion, etc. Some of this will go on the application blank which I have. Since I saw you I have had advice that Professors Merle Curti, Edmund Brunner, George S. Counts and John L. Childs of Columbia might be interested in such a project. What do you think of the suggestion? I am expecting correspondence from Chicago University, Michigan U. and Columbia which will enable me to have the other information the Rosenwald people need.

I am more than grateful for this indulgence. Thanks tremendously!

Yours Cordially,
Herman H. Long

88-9-41

January 4, 1939

My dear Herman:

I think your proposed project is all right and I believe it will impress the Rosenwald people. Although, of course, don't be disappointed at failure of your first application. If you don't get it apply next year. There are a large number of applicants. I am enclosing a blank application form. If you can get statements from the professors you mention it would help a great deal. I think you taught a while at Talladega. Don't forget to mention that.

With best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Herman H. Long
830 Twelfth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama

[H. Long]

Slavery Lynching

830 12th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama
January 19, 1938

17-6-72

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing to thank you for the help you gave me in the preparation of my statement for the Rosenwald people. Your kind advice and helpful suggestions are more than appreciated.

But after all of the trouble I caused you in reading the project I prepared, I did not submit it to the committee. Mr. Bell took the statement to Dr. Paty for advice who thought it well but suggested that it not be submitted. His reason was that technically prepared statements from individuals beginning study were looked upon with some suspicion. He suggested therefore, that a more personal statement be prepared which would give the committee a more intimate picture of the applicant. He mentioned that he was a member of the committee, so I thought it best to try to act on his suggestions. I imagine that you have heard from the Rosenwald office by now; if so, I hope that the statement sent you did not leave you too much puzzled. I hope that the action I took in this connection was for the best-if there is a best in this case.

I sent your name in to the office to be used for recommendation, as you generously offered me the privilege to do. Whatever you may find yourself justified in saying in my behalf, will be tremendously appreciated.

A friend of mine in Chicago recently completed your "Black Reconstruconstruction." His comment to me in a recent letter was that your presentation was such a thoroughgoing economic interpretation that the Dies Committee would be justified in making an investigation.

Henrietta sends her love but asks that I remind you a letter is due her.

Again, my best most sincere thanks.

Cordially

Herman

17-35

Mrs. Lonie Davis Shivery

announces the marriage of her daughter

Henrietta Louise

to

Mr. Herman Hodge Long

on Tuesday, the third of May

nineteen hundred and thirty-eight

Ashville, Alabama

Long

THOMAS A. LONG
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

February 19, 1938

Dr. Raford W. Logan
Secretary-Committee
The Dubois Convocation
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

87-81-7-8

Dear Dr.Logan:

Replying to your communication of recent date, in regard to a testimonial to Dr. W.E.B.Dubois, February 23, 1938, his seventieth birth day, I wish to state that I am in full accord with the proposition, and feel that Dr. Dubois' achievements, as a teacher, scholar, editor, man of distinctive culture, whose contribution to society has been so far reaching, merit national recognition.

I deem it a privilege and pleasure to share in the sponsoring this testimonial, as a friend and associate in it.

You will find enclosed check,five dollars ($5.00) contribution to the Dubois Birth Day Fund, to help to make Dr. Dubois' seventieth birth day a distinguished and memorable one.

I regret that I shall not be able to be present.

With every good wish and high regard,
I am yours sincerely,

Thomas A. Long

Thomas A. Long,
Head Department Social Sciences.

L/h.

March 8, 1938

Request for information - 1938

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

12-16-22

Dear Dr. DuBois,

I have been doing some research for the World Foundation on the Pan African Congresses. I have some information on the first three in back numbers of the Crisis, but didnt know in what issues to look for information on the Fourth Congress held in New York. I should appreciate it very much if you would write me the date it was held, and also any possible plans you might have for future Congresses. It is such a wonderful plan thatI hope it wont suffer the same fate that most organizations for international co operation are having now.

May I say before I close that I think your article " The Negro Mind Reaches Out" published in Foreign Affairs some years ago,and in The New Negro, is one of the most enlightening articles I ever read, and that I felt I gained a great deal from reading it.

Thanking you very much,
I am
Sincerely Yours

Marian Jones Longstreth

Marian Jones Longstreth
65 East 96th St
N.y.C.
N.y.

March 10, 1938

17-16-83

My dear Madam:

The fourth Pan-African Congress took place in New York in 1927. You will find an account of it in the Crisis for 1927, page 263.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Marian Jones Longstreth
65 East 96th Street
New York City

March I6, I938

MRS. EDWARD LONGSTRETH 65 EAST 96TH STREET NEW YORK CITY

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

12-16-1

Dear Dr. Dubois,

I want to thank you for your prompt reply of March IO to my inquiry for information of the Pan African Congresses.

I am sorry that you didnt mention any plans for future meetings.

Very Sincerely Yours

Marian Longstreth

March 21, 1938

17-16-2

My dear Mrs. Longstreth:

Plans for future Pan African Congresses are necessarily in abeyance until the world gets a little more settled. While our plans are entirely in the interests of peace and cooperation they are always looked upon with suspicion by colonial powers. So far we have been unable to arrange a congress either in Africa itself or in the West Indies but we plan within the next two or three years to have a congress in one of these two places.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edward Longstreth
65 East 96th Street
New York City

March 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Loram:

17-11-39

Will you kindly give me any information that you have as to the Hertzog series of native laws in South Africa? As I understand it the law already enacted adds four white senators to the Senate of the Union of South Africa who will be full members of the senate and elected by the natives. Also that voters in Cape Colony hereafter must be white and I assume that the colored and native voters have been disfranchised; but I do not know if this is true. Can you tell me?

I trust that this will find you in good spring condition.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

28 Hillhouse Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut

March 24, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Your letter of March 21st has arrived at this office during the absence of Dr. Loram on a field work visit to the West Indies with his students. However, I am noting the contents in a letter I am writing to him today, and am sure that you may expect an early answer to your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Dwire B. Ward

Secretary to Dr. Loram

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

April 20, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta, Georgia

Charles T. Loram

Dear Dr. DuBois,

17-11-40

Now that we (my students and I) are back from our field study visit to Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti, I can attend to your important letter of March 21st. I do hope, however, that some day I may talk to you about Haiti which was to me the most interesting country we visited.

The representation of Natives in the Union of South Africa is now governed by the Representation of Natives Act of 1936. Briefly the changes are, then:

(a) Cape Province. Those (approx. 15000) Natives, who, previous to 1936, were on the same voters lists as the whites by reason of educational and property qualifications, have been transferred to a special electoral roll called the Cape Natives Voters Roll. On this roll will also be placed the names of Cape Natives who may subsequently obtain the same qualifications. These Cape Natives elect three Whites to represent them in the House of Assembly and two to represent them in the Provincial Council. Members representing these Native constituencies hold their seats for five years irrespective of the dissolution of Parliament. They have the same rights and privileges as the ordinary members of Parliament elected by the Whites.

(b) The Rest of the Union. Since there were no Native voters on the electoral rolls in Natal, Orange Free State, and Natal, and since it is not proposed to give them representation in the House of Assembly or the Provincial Councils no such change as took place in the Cape Province was necessary.

(c) The Union As A Whole. Natives in all four provinces now share in the government of the country through:

(1) Direct Representation in the Senate through four white senators elected by Natives through electoral colleges (i.e., chiefs, native councils, advisory boards, etc.)

(2) Representation on a new body (with advisory powers only) called the Native Representation Council. ✕

This is a bare outline of the situation. I have often felt tempted to write an article on the situation weighing the pros and cons of the changes that have taken place. Inasmuch as South Africa is committed to a policy of segregation, something can be said for bringing the franchise system into harmony with that policy. On the other hand, I

✕ This is in addition to the Special provisions in the Cape.

did oppose and still oppose the new system on the grounds that:

(a) segregation is impossible and undesirable.

(b) representation in the Senate which has no control over finance is only a shadow.

The best thing about the whole business is the wisdom the Natives have shown in choosing such fine white men as their representatives. The four senators and the three representatives in the House of Assembly are tried friends of the Natives. As a matter of fact they are the very persons I myself as (I hope) a real friend of the Africans would have chosen. Some of us feared that the Natives would choose carpet-baggers, communists, or people who would promise them the moon. Not so. Once more the Africans showed that they have at least as much common sense as the Whites.

17-11-41

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram

CTL:DW

May 2, 1938

17-11-42

My dear Mr. Loram:

Thank you very much for your informing letter of April 20 and also for the review of Maccrone's book of January 31. Both have helped me very much.

Of course you have heard that the General Education Board turned our encyclopaedia project down. I am a little afraid of our chances to carry it through at present but Mr. Stokes is still working and hopeful.

With best regards,

Mr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

May 5, 1928

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois,

17-11-43

This letter is to thank you for your letter of May 2nd and to let you know that I am always at your service with any information that I can give you about my native continent.

Dr. Stokes and I certainly fought hard to persuade the General Education Board that the Encyclopaedia project was worth their attention and their money. We succeeded in getting their attention, and I personally am optimistic about getting funds for the undertaking before too long.

Because you have always been such an honest man and said what you felt, people who do not know you and who listen to idle gossip are afraid that you could not be sufficiently objective in your editorship. We who do know you and appreciate your magnificent scholarly work are quite convinced that your attitude would be merely that of the competent critical scholar, and there is no doubt in my mind that we shall have to revamp our program a little to provide what might be called "safeguards".

It was to this end that in correspondence with Dr. Stokes I pressed for the appointment of a co-editor who would be above suspicion of racial bias and asked him to consider the possibility of making Yale or Harvard the venue for the enterprise. I envisaged you at Yale, which has a reputation for scientific accuracy, with your office in the Institute of Human Relations and our magnificent Sterling Library at your disposal.

I mention all this because I am sure that we shall have to modify our plans a little if we are to secure the financial support we need.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram

CTL:DW

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28 Hillhouse Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut

June 20, 1938

17-11-44

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgie

Dear Dr. DuBois,

Is it asking too much to beg two or three additional copies of "A Pageant in Seven Decades?"

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram

CTL:DW

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

December 16, 1938

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-11-45

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

With reference to your letter of December 12, I shall of course be very glad to help in any way I can with the list of subjects for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

It happens that I shall be away from New Haven for the greater part of January, so that it may not be possible for me to get down to this important and interesting task until I get back.

By the same token, I am so sorry that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on January 21 when I shall not be able to attend.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram

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28 Hillhouse Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut

December 23, 1938

Dr. W.B. du Bois
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. du Bois:

The Preliminary Surveys for Encyclopaedia of the Negro arrived this morning. As I am in the midst of preparations for my field study in the Navajo Indian Reservation I have only had time to glance at it, but on my return I hope to give it the attention it deserves.

I congratulate you and Dr. Logan on the amazing progress you have made, although I agree with you that much more remains to be done.

Every man thinks his area or field of interest is most important, so you will forgive me if I say that the amount of space given to African topics seems altogether inadequate in view of the growing importance of that continent.

I was therefore so glad that on page 1 you state that African biographies (and I hope African subjects) have yet to be added, for in half an hour I discovered what seemed to me a dozen serious omissions. I'll venture to take these up with you later.

Meantime congratulations and wishes for a stout heart to withstand our criticisms.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram

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[Louisiana State Colored Teachers Assoc.]

New Orleans, La.
March 30, 1938

Request for information

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

17-16

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the Louisiana State Colored Teachers Association a committee was appointed to contact the State Superintendent of Public Education and the State Board of Education in regard to providing facilities for graduate work in the field of education for the Negroes of this state.

This committee desires to go about the whole matter of graduate work very carefully and because of this would like to get an opinion from you.

Do you think it wise to make such a request of the State Superintendent and the State Board of Education at this time?

Your opinion in the above matter will not be published, and will simply be used by the committee in guiding its efforts in behalf of graduate work for Negroes in Louisiana.

Thank you for an early reply and your opinion in the matter.

I am,

Yours truly,

George Longe

Geo. Longe, Principal

November 7, 1938

17-13-39

My dear Sir:

Mr. Logan put in my hands your article on The Contribution of the Negro to the Population of Sao Paulo. This was intended not for immediate publication but for eventual publication or reference in the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro which we hope to start within a year or so. If, therefore, you wish this article returned; I shall be glad to return it to you. I am deeply obliged for the opportunity to see it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. S. H. Lowrie
504 Beall Avenue
Wooster, Ohio

Lynch

[LYNCH]

MAJOR JOHN R. LYNCH
ATTORNEY AT-LAW
4028 SOUTH PARKWAY

CHICAGO, ILL. Feb. 7, 1938.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Logan:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th ult.

The testimonial to which you refer in honor of Dr. Du Bois is deserving and meritorious and meets with my hearty approval. No man merits such a recognition to a higher degree than Dr. DuBois. The situation with me, however, is such that I can do nothing except express my good will. I am now in the 91st year of my life and in consequence of my present physical condition, especially my defective sight and hearing, I never leave my home, night or day without being in charge of an escort. I do not therefore take an active, nor inactive part in any affair whatever. I simply read enough, or have read to me, sufficient news to keep posted on current events. I extend to you, therefore, my congratulations upon this memorable occasion. This, I hope will be satisfactory, since it is the best I am in a position to do.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

J. R. Lynch

L/c.

17-17-49

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W. E. DuBois,
Dept. of Sociology,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-11-47

Dear Sir:

We call attention to your account which shows at this time a due balance of $9.33.

Although we sent you a statement a short time ago, it must be that in some way the matter has been overlooked. We feel sure that upon receipt of this reminder you will gladly forward a check to take care of the account.

Yours truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.
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January 25, 1938

84-11-41

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of January 20, I beg to say that my account for books is usually charged against my royalties.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. R. Kaliveda
A. C. McClurg & Company
333 East Ontario Street
Chicago, Illinois

Book

February 3, 1938

Gentlemen:

I have your royalty statement for The Souls of Black Folk from April 1, 1937 to January 1, 1938.

I do not know whether you are doing much or any publishing now but may I call it to your attention that my book Souls of Black Folk was published by you originally in 1903 and has been on sale now for thirty-five years. My seventieth birthday comes on February 23. It seems to me that it may be a good and not unprofitable plan for you to get out an entirely new edition but as good and cheap as possible. Of course the text would have to be re-set as the type is getting worn now. An edition of a book after thirty-five years by the same publishers would be something of an event in American publishing; and if it could be sold for a dollar or less I think it would pay. I should be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. McClurg & Company
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Chicago, Illinois

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February 17, 1938.

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. DuBois:

It is a pleasure to be able to offer our congratulations to you on your seventieth birthday and to hope that you enjoy many more mile-stones in your useful and valuable career which has been one of conspicuous service not only to your own folk, but to your country.

Concerning your suggestion that we produce "Souls of Black Folk" in cheaper form, we have been carrying on negotiations with the Rosenwald Foundation with something of this sort in view. As a matter of fact, most of the circulation, if not all, has been through their good offices during the past two years. If any developments arise along this line we will be glad to inform you of them.

We thank you for writing us and hope the next time you are in Chicago we will have an opportunity to meet.

Very truly yours,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

Manager Publishing Dept.

JJOC:MG

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

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May 17, 1938

Mr. William E. Burghardt DuBois
%Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. DuBois:

We have had a letter from Mr. J. Saunders Redding of the Department of English at Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana, concerning the reproduction of certain passages from "The Souls of Black Folk."

His letter states:

> "The book represents an attempt to bring together certain factual material and critical opinion on American Negro literature in a history of Negro thought in America and to evaluate the effect of the work of certain Negro writers upon contemporary Negro life and thought.
>
> Proper acknowledgement of both author and publisher of couse will be made.
>
> There follows a notation of the passages for use of which I beg your permission:-
>
> "The Forethought", ... First paragraph
> "The After-Thought". . . . . Third sentence

We hesitate to grant this permission without your authorization and shall appreciate your getting in touch with Mr. Redding directly. Will you send us a copy of your letter for our files?

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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May 19, 1938

My dear Sir: Attention Mr. Stefan

In answer to your letter of May 17, I have replied to Mr. Redding of Louisiana with the letter a copy of which is enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,

1/29/23

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Chicago, Illinois

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From this date, the royalty payments on McClurg publications will be made on July 1 and February 1, the July payment covering the period from January 1 to June 31, and the February payment covering the period from July 1 to December 31.

Therefore, your next payment will be due July 1, 1938, and will cover the period from April 1 to June 31, Thereafter, payments will be made as outlined.

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17-6-69

February 11, 1938

My dear Mrs. McCrorey:

I wonder if you can help me without assuming any burden yourself?

Mrs. Du Bois, Yolande and the little girl who is five years of age are coming down by train to my birthday celebration February 23. On the following Saturday if the weather is good I am going to drive them back as far as Washington in my car and of course I want to go in slow stages. The first stop would naturally be Charlotte. Now I do not want you to offer the hospitality of your home because I know how much trouble that would involve but I am wondering if you could find a home that we could hire for the afternoon and night? There was a lovely little professor's home where we stopped once. At any rate please tell me frankly what can be done and for heaven's sake do not undertake to do it yourself.

My best regards to you and Dr. McCrorey.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. L. McCrorey
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

Johnson C. Smith Univ.
Charlotte, N. C.
Feb. 14, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Mrs. Mc Crorey came home a few days ago from the hospital where she was ill with pneumonia. She is now convalescing at home.

She regrets me to say in reply to your letter of the 11th inst. that Mr. & Mrs. Adams in whose home you stopped once, readily consents to accommodate your family at the time your letter state.

Mrs. Mc Crorey regrets that you and yours can not be cared for in her home.

She says write, if you wish, to Prof. J. Herbert Adams, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C. as to about the time you will reach Charlotte.

Very truly yours,
Miss C. L. Ramseur
for Mrs. Mc Crorey

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February 24, 1938

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My dear Mrs. McCrorey:

Thank you so much for your good offices. I am writing Mr. and Mrs. Adams today. We shall hope to see you when we come through Charlotte.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. L. McCrorey
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 4, 1938

12-12-83

Mr. Henry T. McDonald
Storer College
Harpers Ferry
West Virginia

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On February 23, 1938, our friend and associate W. E. B. DuBois will be seventy years old. Believing this event of sufficient significance to warrant national recognition, a group of us in Atlanta University has taken the initiative in planning a suitable testimonial to a man who has achieved distinction as editor, teacher, scholar, man of letters and crusader for human rights.

With the cooperation of Atlanta University, in which he has served as professor of sociology during the periods 1896 to 1910, and 1932 to date, we have planned the following testimonial:

1. A University Convocation honoring Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, at which representatives of all institutions with which he has been connected will be asked to attend--Fisk University, Wilberforce University, University of Pennsylvania and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. DuBois will deliver the Convocation Address.

2. A formal banquet to be held in the University Dining Hall on the evening of that day.

3. The presentation of a personal momento as a symbol of respect and appreciation of his friends throughout the world.

4. The presentation of a permanent memorial of Dr. DuBois to Atlanta University. We are hoping to secure funds enough to obtain a bust of Dr. DuBois.

5. The publication of the Convocation Address as a souvenir of the occasion.

To further these ends we are calling upon you as one of the many persons who has shared experiences with Dr. DuBois to serve as one of the FRIENDS and ASSOCIATES who will sponsor this affair. We are asking each sponsor to contribute at least five dollars ($5.00) to the DuBois Birthday Fund. Every sponsor will receive a copy of the Convocation Address, and will have the privilege of making reservations for the banquet at two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per plate providing the reservations are taken up by February 15.

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The development of this program is in the hands of a working committee composed of the following persons:

Mr. Ira De A. Reid, Temporary Chairman
Dr. William Stanley Braithwaite
Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University
Mrs. John Hope
Dr. Charles D. Hubert, Acting President, Morehouse College
Mr. E. M. Martin, President, Atlanta University Alumni Ass'n.
Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
Miss Florence M. Read, President, Spelman College
Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Temporary Secretary

In their behalf we invite your cooperation in making this celebration of Dr. DuBois's seventieth birthday a distinguished and memorable one. Your contributions, payable to the DuBois Birthday Fund, Atlanta University, should be sent immediately since the amount of contributions will determine the nature of the memorial and also the gift.

Cordially yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan
For the Committee

Dear Sir; Dr. McDonald regrets his inability to participate in the proposed event in honor of Prof. W.E.B.DuBois, Atlanta University.

Yours very truly,

Thelma Lloyd

Secretary.

Storer College,
Feb. 4,
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Cooperatives

[McElderry]

Sarasota, Florida, Oct. 1st 1934

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As I have for more than 50 years been advising negroes to buy farm lands so as to be independent and respected citizens; it occurred to me that this is the psychological time to make a national effort in this direction, as three fifths of the negroes living in the U.S. are in the south, with approximately 5,000,000 on relief; at a cost of two billion dollars annually to the taxpayers of the country, the hundreds of millions of acres of idle lands not paying county and state taxes could be profitably used for homes for negroes, and convert a liability into an asset; at the same time adjust cotton acreage and eradicate pellagra. The negro race is gregarious, which would tend to make cooperative farming a success. some of the billions of dollars now wasted on temporary relief, would be profitably used equipping cooperative farms with tools, machinery, feed and seed, at the same time reduce the number now idle, giving employment to manufacturers of farm machinery. As misdirected effort is the cause of most of the evil of which we complain; cooperative farms could be directed by graduates

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of negro colleges and universities, skilled in scientific agriculture. Dr. F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute agrees with me that ownership of land is fundamental in settling the negro problem. My idea is to have a plank in the Democratic platform demanding a "square deal" for the negroes of this country. No one of the 48 states has ever given the negro a square deal and the treatment of negroes is a disgrace to civilization. A Southern man can be elected President. Two of the outstanding statesmen Vice-President Garner and Senator Bennett Champ Clark are favorably mentioned for President in 1940. I have taken this matter up with both of the statesmen Senator Clark, you doubtless recall noted for the anti-lynch bill and Anti-Labor bill. You no doubt have given this matter considerable thought and will probably give me the benefit of your ideas. I am 54 years old but going strong. I have had 29 years experience managing a southern plantation and believe cooperative farming is the most economical method.

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As to the prejudice against negro farm ownership that obtains among a certain class of white men this prejudice can be used to advantage by "playing up" the cost of supporting negroes in idleness will go further on account of prejudice than for any other motive is my observation from many years of experience.

Very Sincerely and truly
G. H. McElderry

243 West 7th St
Sarasota Florida

9-1-8-41

(McElderry)

November 7, 1938

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of October first I believe with you that cooperative farming among Negroes would solve many economic problems and I have advocated efforts along this line. The movement, however, would have to be accompanied by something more than land buying. There would have to be physical security which is especially lacking in country districts and the right to a voice in the selection of local officials who are so powerful. Above all even cooperative farming cannot entirely and by itself attack the fundamental problem of the farmers market and the manipulation of that market by finance capital and industrial monopoly.

I am glad to hear what you say concerning Champ Clark. He might make a far-seeing president but I have no hopes at all in Garner. He seems to me simply a small town politician of the reactionary type.

I thank you very much for your letter and congratulate you on your age and activity.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. G. T. W. Elderry
243 West Seventh Street
Sarasota, Florida

12-8-71

Request for information

Sarasota, Florida, Nov. 9th 1936

Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th, inst. permit me to say: you ~~can~~ evidently overlooked the fact that: "a Square Deal for negroes" would certainly include "physical protection" as well as all other legal rights ~~rights~~. Vice President is anything else than a "small town politician". By his own efforts; from a poor farmer; boy in Red River Valley he has achieved success. and now occupies the second highest place in the gift of the people in this great country of ours. Rich in experience, as a national legislator, and commands the respect of his opponents in the Republican party. Mr. Garner is boosting Senator Clark for the Presidency in 1940, but of the two men, Mr. Garner is my preference. The negro vote is much sought after by politicians, and is the controlling factor in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania Illinois and possibly New York; While in Ohio and Michigan, the negro vote has the balance of power. I wrote to Robt Vaughn of Pittsburgh also Senator Bennett Clark, but heard from

17-16-60

Neither Senator Brooks, of Nebraska, replied, and agreed with what I said about Vice President Garner, but side stepped, the Plank for a "Square Deal," stating he was leaving on a train and had not time to write at length. Without cooperation from leading men of your race, of course I can make but little progress. It will take concerted action to bring desired results. I know how you feel living in Georgia, where the deep seated prejudice exist against your race; but from one cause and another. The negro is being allowed to vote in several southern States, Florida, Oklahoma Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. If the material welfare is taken care of, it will will go a long way toward betterment of the negro's condition. You, Dr. DuBoise can aid me by writing Robt Vaughn, who is Editor and owner of a Weekly Paper, and will have much to do with selecting the delegation of 47 votes in the National Democratic Convention for 1940. The people of Talladega College in my home town of Talladega, Alabama, know me well, and I have frequently addressed the pupils of that institution.

Yours sincerely yours
G. T. McElderry

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12-16-62

Sarasota, Florida Nov. 18th, 1935

Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBoise

I am enclosing herewith a letter from The Pittsburgh Courier to show that others are thinking along the same lines as myself and by getting concert of action there is not only a possibility but a strong probability of bringing about satisfactory results. I thought possibly you could give me the address of the President of the Mississippi University for Negroes. I have taken the matter of a "Square Deal" for negroes with Senator Pat Harrison of Miss.; The Senator is you doubtless know Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee. I wrote Senator Harrison that if he would through the Congress an act protecting cotton producers from manipulation of cotton price it would save the state of Mississippi $50,000,000 Share Croppers and tenants produce three fourths of the cotton in Miss., and 75 percent are negro tenants.

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My Philosophy of life is: Any thing that should be done and can be done, if you think it can be brought about, the matter is half accomplished. You know Dr. DuBois it is Effort that wins, and not brilliancy: The steady effort of a tallow candle is better to read by than is the most brilliant flash of lightning that ever illuminated the sky. Even in Georgia you will find some white men who want to see the negro fairly and justly treated. The hope for just treatment of the negro race is with the Southern decendants of former slave owners, and the prejudice of the poor white man can be used to advantage by telling him he is being taxed to support negroes on relief, when the negro if given the opportunity to do so can support himself and help pay taxes to support the State. I trust you will give the matter serious thought and aid us to put over our plans for a "Square Deal"

Very Sincerely
G. H. McElderry

243 West 7th Street,
Sarasota, Florida,

November 25, 1938

12-16-64

My dear Sir:

I am returning the Pittsburgh Courier letter. I beg to say I have no faith at all in Senator Pat Harrison. I think he represents everything that Negroes ought to oppose and I also do not believe in vice-President Garner.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. G. T. McElderry
243 West Seventh Street
Sarasota, Florida

Sarasota, Florida, Nov. 29th 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise
Atlanta, Georgia,

Dear Dr. DuBoise:

I agree with you that there is no confidence to be placed in Pat Harrison; but is there any confidence to be placed in any politician? I am not specially stuck on John Nance Garner, but it has been said that "it is a poor workman that complains of his tools." We are compelled to work with the tools at hand. Pat Harrison belongs to the same element of political thought as the Vice President, who I think can be nominated and elected President in 1940. I do not believe Senator Bennett C Clark can be nominated, and if he could be nominated he would be defeated as he is vindictive, and has alienated too many people. My preference for Mr. Garner is due to his strenuous opposition to John L. Lewis and his C.I.O. Communist sit down strikers. John Lewis seeks to use the Negro vote as he tried to use the Farm vote. Lewis cares not a tinkers dam for either the Negro or the Farmer.

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I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular letter: it is my intention to mail to every Negro Minister, whose address I can get in order to get solidarity in the effort to better the condition of the race; especially in the South, where the vast majority live. If you will kindly suggest some improvement in the letter, I shall appreciate the kindness, as I have lived long enough to find out I can be mistaken, while honestly believing that I am absolutely right.

I wrote Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and said "The Germans treat the Jew no worse than White people of the United States treat the Negro race." "Robbing the tenant and share cropper of half billion dollars annually in the Cotton Crop, by unfair and dishonest marketing rules, causing thousands to die of Pellagra and other diseases for the benefit of a lot of parasites who produce nothing is barbarism."

I can do nothing alone; but if pressure is brought to bear on department officials, who have been doing nothing except draw their breath and salaries, why robbers flaunt the

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law enacted by Congress 30 years ago, which I had a hand in getting enacted by going to Europe and convincing Cotton Spinners it was to their advantage to have a standard for all grades of Cotton. I found this summer which I went to Washington the Cotton buyers, Cotton Exporters and Cotton Exchanges were using 219 grades with arbitrary valuations on each grade, fixed by Cotton Exchanges in settlement of Cotton Contracts. That 35 pounds of Cotton deducted in the price paid the producer is where the Farmer loses the 140,000 bales and the Cotton is classed down by the buyer $2.00 per bale less than the real market value. Do you not think it worth the effort to remedy this evil? I believe it can be done and should be done. Negro labor produces two thirds of the Cotton therefore I think Negro Colleges and Negro Preachers should assist me. My plan has been endorsed by the Organization of Agricultural Commissioners of the South but they are afraid of the influence of Cotton buyers and Exporters who profit by the

17-16-67

Robbery mentioned above. Like the Officials in the Agricultural Department at Washington they do not have the guts to do their sworn duty. Public pressure and pitiless publicity is the only thing that will move them.
If you, like President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, are prevented by your Board of Trustees from mentioning Politics will you kindly pass the circular letter on, to some influential Negro Minister who is not hampered by trustees?
If there is a letter man for our purpose please name him. The Republican Party hasn't a Ghost of a chance in 1940, because they will not take a liberal like Bruce Barton or Mayor La Guardia. I am not tied bound and have voted for two Republican Presidents: Mr. Hughes and President Coolidge. But there is no hope to be had from the Republican Party along the lines I am working.

Very Sincerely and truly
G. T. W. Elderidge

243 West 7th Street,
Atlanta Georgia.

89-91-17-68

[Enc.]

Sarasota Florida,
November 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am trying to get negro solidarity, for the purpose of securing for the negro race a " square deal", simle justice. In no one of the 48 states is the negro treated fairly: as an evidence of this fact, a recent survey of Cincinnatti revealed the fact, that three times as many negro men committed suicide as white men; and more than four times as many negro women as white women. 38 white women killed themselves, in 10,000 while 144 negro women in 10,000 committed suicide: only 15% of the blacks, get incomes sufficient for bare subsistence. The survey of Cincinnatti shows only 24% of the negroes have employment. Negroes have the balance of power between the Democratic party and the Republican party in Ohio: If the negroes would unite, they could command fair and just treatment: as the negro voters in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinoise and probably Kansas hold the balance of power between the two parties, because of the injustice to per percent of our population 45% are now on relief, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars to the tax payers, where, just treatment of the race, would not only enable the negro to support himself and family but become an independent tax payer and self respecting citizen; an asset instead of a liability.

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Negro labor produce approximately two thirds of the cotton crop; which has kept the balance of trade in favor of the United States for more than a quarter of a century $ 37,000,000,000 of the $43,000,000,000 of exports; since the record has been kept, was cotton exports; and yet, under our unfair and dishonest cotton marketing laws the cotton producers are robbed of half billion dollars or more annually. 140,000 or more bales of cotton was taken out of last years crop, to constitute the "City Crop", for which 140,000 bales of producers received not one penny; but a lot of parasites that live by the sweat of the farmers brow got the money. Senator Lynn Frazier, of North Dakota says: "one man, claiming to be a cotton producer received more money for handling the cotton crop than all the producers of the crop receive". Half billion dollars will add $50.00 per bale to the price of every bale produced by the tenant and share cropper. This half billion dollars, of which the producer is robbed by the parasites, who produce nothing, would not only double the cash income of the tenant, but would also eradicate Pellagra and other diseases in the South caused by poverty, that cost the lives of thousands of people annually. The Jew in Germany, is treated no worse, than the negro race is treated in the United States of America; and yet we claim to be a Christian Nation. This race prejudice is a disgrace to civilisation, and should be ended. Will you assist us" to put over this worth while project."

Sincerely and truly
G. T. McElderry

243 West 7th Street
Sarasota Florida

Sarasota, Florida, Dec. 6th 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

Ofcaurse you never heard of me until you received my letter. I am therefore mailing you herewith a letter from Dr Gallagher, President of Talladega College, in order that you may know something of my previous history.

I made the same request of Dr Gallagher I did of you relative to handing my circular letter to some influential minister. Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly
Geo. T. McElderry

69-91-11

Request for information 1938

Sarasota, Florida Dec 20th 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I shall make one more effort Dr. DuBois to get you sold on my idea of aiding the negro race to get justice in the United States. by citing instances where Race solidarity has worked satisfactorily. New York City now employes half of the clerks in the stores from the Negro Race. A gentleman from New York City talked to me recently relative to matter, and said the Magazine article I read, had stated the facts correctly.

I know, Negro clerks are employed in the stores in the City of Washington. The most recent organization is in Cleveland Ohio where the Merchants have been forced to employ colored help, and it will work in Atlanta, Georgia, where race prejudice is the worst in the country; But God knows it is bad enough in every state.

I am enclosing for your information Copy of a letter to the Saturday Evening Post to show the trend of my efforts.

17-4-22

Regardless of your dislike of Vice President Garner He is our best bet and the Past has assured me that the influence of the magazine will be for the Election in 1940 as President John Nance Garner. I am personally acquainted with Mr. Garner and had several letters from him recently. When Mr. Garner was ranking Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee in 1924 I was put up as a "Dirt Farmer" by the Southern Tariff Association (I was Southern Organizer) to make a speech on Vegatable Oils tariff Mr. Garner, although thoroughly agreeing with my views, wanted to get the laugh on me. asked the Chairman - who was a Republican of course in 1924 - if he could ask me a question? Leave was given - Mr. Garner said: "You claim to be a dirt farmer, and yet are willing for farmers to pay tax for lawyers and doctors?" I replied Lawyers and doctors are parasites and produce nothing. What difference does it make? Farmers have to pay their tax anyway. The laugh

12-16-38

was on Garner. Republicans and Tariff delegates gave him the horse laugh. Roosevelt is on his way out. Republicans are ruthlessly divided. The South and a number of western states are for Mr. Garner, and I believe I can get him to advocate my idea of cooperative farming on the hundreds of idle acres in the South to the end that southern negroes shall become independent home owners. What is wrong with my idea? it certainly is economically sound. From correspondence with Senators Lynn Frazier and Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota I feel sure they both will help me on the race problem; being Republicans I dont think they will support Mr Garner but Senator Edward R. Burke and Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska will support Mr. Garner for President Senator Burke has written me he is enthusiastically for Garner. I believe from Mr. Henry Ford's letter he will help finance the printing and postage on letters to Colored Ministers

12-16-34

I want your assistance in getting addresses I dont like the idea of fees. but shall leave that matter entirely with the negro preachers; for each man to manage his community as he thinks best. No dues or fees however are to come to me, or any one I employ. Now Dr Du Bois after you have thought this matter over carefully can't you see that John L. Lewis with his C.I.O. Communists only wants to use the negroes to take Chestnuts out of the fire for John L?
Get Last Weeks Saturday Evening Post and read the article on "Workers Alliance" and you will see it is a Communist controled organization. Please write me what you think anyway, I shall not be offended. Wishing you the compliments of the season I am,

Very Sincerely yours
G. T. H. Eldridge

17-4-25

[ENC.]

Sarasota, Florida
December 16, 1938

Editor Saturday Evening Post:

I am enclosing herewith copies of a letter to Westbrook Pegler, who seems to have the intestinal fortidude to write what he thinks, and apparently does not care one tinkers dam what the other fellow's think. Also copy of a circular letter I am mailing to the negro preachers some 250,000 in the South, who can and will reach the 10,000,000 negroes living in the South, mainly on the tax payers.

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I have also called the attention of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to the fact, that, while discussing "Race Intolerance", she fails to state that in this "Land of the free, and home of the brave" negroes are treated worse than are the jews in Germany; robbed of half billion dollars annually; thousands die every year from pellagra and other diseases caused by poverty.

I also called Judge Louise Charlton's attention to the matter. Judge Charlton is the President of "Southern Human Welfare Organization." Judge Charlton assured me she would put her agricultural committee to work.

Senator Lister Hill writes me he will take the matter up with the Agricultural Department in a few days. The Southern Agriculture Commissions have gone on record favoring a Federal classer for all cotton and use of cotton bagging instead of Jute. Judge Sam Hobbs, of my district, writes that he agrees with me one hundred percent. So does Mr. McDonald, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas.

I agree with Mr. Hugh S. Johnson that the Country would be prosperous with Vice President Garner as President; becuase big business has confidence in him. Mr. Garner's unalterable opposition to John L.Lewis and his C. I. O. Communist Sit Down Stirkers, his consergatism and success in managing his own affairs commends Mr. Gardner to the public gensrally. I do not agree that Mr. Roosevelt will be, or can be, elected for a third term. My plan for making the negro race an asset instead of a liability is economically sound, politically sane, and socially safe for the negro as well as the white population. The plan solves the negro problem, the share croppers problem, and the cotton problem. Negro labor produces two thirds of the cotton.

I write from personal knowledge of the late 60's to show what is possible; the danger of permitting communist to organize the negro. It means anarchy. The Dies Committee's revelations should cause every thinking man to recognize the danger.

Congressman Stames of Alabama, member of the Committee, addressed the ladies organizations of Alabama at Birmingham a few nights since; and the ladies passed a resolution commending the Dies Committee. I do not know what the Post's policy is; but I would like very much for you to give publicity to my letter calling attention to what has happened in the past and can occur again. With the unsettled conditions of the world, anything can happen. I lived through Reconstruction, and God knows we do not want a return of radical rule, when every man had to go armed, not knowing when he would be killed or have to kill someone else.

G. T. McElderry

17-16-22

I am no story writer; but the scenes of my boyhood days were so indelibly impressed on my mind that today; after the lapse of sixty eight years, I can recall the scenes and my feelings when told of a Klu Klux raid that hung five negroes and a white man; to the same limb on an oak tree in the little town of Piedmont, Alabama. The white man was an Irish lad of twenty-two years, who had come to Alabama as a missionary, to teach the ignorant negroes, recently given their freedom.

12-16-28

Some negroes fired into a party of white people one Sunday night returning from Church. As was the custom of the Klu Klux Klan, a company of Klansmen from Talladega, the County of Talladega, some thirty five miles from Piedmont, having secured the names of officious negroes, went to Peidmont a few nights after the shooting occurred, and hung the five leading negroes and the Irish lad, who unfortunately happned to be the teacher of a negro school. The Irish boy was entirely innocent, but white men had to be taught a lesson, as well as negroes, and Klu Klux were not particular who they hung.

The father of the Captain of this Talladega company of Klu Klux was appointed U. S District Attorney to investigate this Peidmont hanging; and to his dismay, discovered that his own son, who lived in his home with him, had commanded the troop that had taken the law in their own hands. One other instance, to show how powerless the Gourn-ment is to enforce the law, when people are organized against Government of constituted authority. It was election day. The Radical Government at Montgomery, Alabama; to better control the negro vote, to perpetuate the Scalawags and Carpet-bag government enacted a law; that all voters should vote in the County towns, and a Military guard of Federal Soldiers, to intimidate the white people, and protect the negro in his right to vote, was stationed in each town. I had persuaded all of my negro employees to vote with me. While looking for one of my negro votes I saw a band of white men gather around, not twenty feet from me, and found on inquiry a negro had given a white man some impudence, and the white man had run his knife into the negro. There were at least 5,000 negroes on the square, and the white leaders of the negroes sent a runner to the military guard two blocks from the square. When the Captain of the military guard arrived on the scene the man who did the stabbing act could not be found. His name was never squealed, sl all the Captain could do was to read the riot act and tell the negroes to keep the peace.

6 There are not men enough in the United States Army to protect those who are spotted. The Colonel of a Regiment of Federal Soldiers was stationed at Montgomery, Alabama; who was so foolish as to speak slightingly of Southern ladies in a crowd at Montgomery. An arm with a knife in the hand was seen to pass across the Colonels neck and the officer dropped

to the pavement, his throat cut from ear to ear, and yet no officer ever found out who killed that Colonal, nor was any man every punished for the deed. As far back as the early 70's during Farmer Alliance days; effort was made to take over the Government by an inner circle that tried to bind men to obey any and every order issued by leaders of said inner circle. A captain of Sharp Shooters during the War Between the States; said when the oath was read to him, I will wade in blood up to my shoe-tops before I will take such an oath. The Captain told me to "look out", as we had already joined the Alliance. Some leaders were unscrupulous as were leaders of the Klu Klux Klan.

17-16-79

That this Country is in danger of Communist, there is no doubt in my mind. Who doubts that John L. Lewis would take charge of the Government if he thought his C. I. O. Communists had the pwoer to do this act? Organized labor leaders have no quitting sense, and will not hesitate to confiscate property. It has already been demonstrated in Michigan, in Pennsylvania, in Illinois, and elsewhere, what they will do and have done. Is it not the part of wisdom to show the negro race the administration will treat them fairly, rather than for Communists to organize them against a Government that has never treated them justly?

Ten percent or more of our population are of the negro race; a fertile field for Communists to work, and press dispatches show that Communist leaders are already at work and are being organized into workers Alliances, an affiliate of the Communists.

December 22, 1938

12-16-80

My dear Sir:

I appreciate your interest but I cannot agree with you. I have no faith in Mr. Garner and I have much faith in Mr. Lewis and the CIO. I am not a communist but I have long been socialist. I think the Saturday Evening Post is one of the worst influences in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. G. T. McElderry
Sarasota, Florida

Sarasota, Florida. Dec 25th 1938

Dr W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr DuBois:

I never fall out with a man because of his religious or political views: As to being a Socialist, the Master was a Socialist - not the common garden variety however. It is said there are 57 varieties of socialists and I presume I am a socialist according to one of the varieties. Socialists a la the Master are actuated by love for their fellowman Communist are actuated by hate I have known John L. Lewis since 1905. as a fraternal delegate to the National Farmers Union of America. Lewis hates Wm Green else he would conciliate him for the good of organized Labor.

Mrs Elanor Roosevelt suggests that I take up "locally" the matter of right treatment of the Colored race. It is not a local matter but National. What could I do about Cincinnatti's treatment of the negro, allowing only one fourth of them to have jobs to make a living? Dora is wishing you and yours the Compliments of the season

Very sincerely
G.T.M. Elderry

17-16-20

McGhee

Benedict College
Columbia, S.C.
February 3 - 1938

17-8-20

The DuBois Birthday Fund
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Friends:

I thank you for giving me the privilege to join in celebrating the seventieth birthday of Dr. DuBois. (While he yet lives).

Very truly yours,
Laura Riley "1914"
Mrs. Joseph D. McGhee

17-12-41

Birthday GREETINGS

With Best Wishes

for the happiest of

Happy Birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. McGhee

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JULIAN W. MACK
U. S. COURT HOUSE
NEW YORK CITY

February 10, 1938

Dear Mr. Logan:

Judge Mack who has been ill for some time asked me to send you the enclosed check as his contribution to the DuBois Birthday Fund. He is delighted to join in this tribute and asks that his felicitations be extended to Dr. DuBois on this occasion.

17-8-71

Sincerely yours,

Edith Roberts

Secretary to Judge Mack

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Mr. Millard Filmore Reid

announces the marriage of his sister

Cora Virginia

to

Dr. Horace Guilford MacKerrow

on Monday, the fifteenth of August

nineteen hundred and thirty-eight

Boston, Massachusetts

[Mackerrow]

12-11-46

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Du Bois send congratulations and good wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Horace Guilford MacKerrow on the occasion of their marriage.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Jacksonville, Fla.

Letters January 1938

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17-10-72

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

As the pastor of the leading Methodist Episcopal Church in Florida which is located in the city of Jacksonville, I want to extent an invitation to you to visit our great city and our church. Jacksonville recognizes you as the number one intellectual Negro of America, and you are known as one who has contributed immeasurably to the advancement of the Negro.

As a member of our ~~city~~ municipal and religious clubs it is my desire to arrange a Mammoth Mass Meeting in the largest auditorium in our city which is Ebenezer M. E. Church, and have you address the Negro Citizentry of our city and give hundreds of the young Negroes an opportunity to say they have met the great Dr. Dubois. We would arrange a Sunday afternoon or a Sunday evening service or a week night service. We would like to know your terms. I am speaking for hundreds of citizens here in the city. We would need about two weeks of intensive publicity.

Let me hear from you at once.

Sincerely yours,
E. C. McLeod

E. C. McLeod
Member of the Jacksonville Ministerial Alliance,
Director of the Jacksonville Negro Welfare League,
Pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church.

March 4, 1938

12-10-78

My dear Sir:

I should be glad to come to Jacksonville some week-end in March or April for a lecture. My charge would be fifty dollars and I would pay all of my expenses of travel. I am enclosing a list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. E. C. McLeod
431 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

December 15, 1938

My dear Sir:

We exchanged letters in March concerning a possible lecture in Jacksonville but I heard no further about it. It happens that I am planning a trip through Florida in January of this year. I am expecting to speak in Savannah Monday, January twenty-third. I could speak in Jacksonville Tuesday, January twenty-fourth. My charge would be fifty dollars out of which I pay all my own expenses. I am enclosing a list of my lecture subjects. I would be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. E. C. McLeod
431 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida

MANHATTAN ARTIST BUREAU

A Negro Agency For Negro Artist

CHARLES L. MARSHALL
Director

January 15, 1938.

Request for appointment

Dr. E.B.Du Bois
210 West 150 Street
New York, N.Y.

17-3-1

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have in my possession a manuscript written by a southern white woman, for motion picture or stage production, entitled "Black Princess" the leading roles taken by Negroes. She has asked me to get you to read it and give it the N.A.A. C. P. 's endorsement if you think that it warrants it.

Heretofore manuscripts written by white persons for Negroes for either stage or screen have not been very favorable for the Negro race. This woman believes that she can remove the stigma put on the Negro by the production of the manuscript that she has written.

As you know, major motion picture companies are reluctant to show the Negro in any way but the worst, but if the N.A.A. C.P. endorsed it, there is a better chance of it being produced.

Will you please make an appointment to interview this woman whose name is Blanche Van Buren, next Tuesday or Thursday at any hour at your office? If not those days any day that is convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Marshall

Charles L.Marshall

210 West 125th Street, New York, N. Y. . . . . Telephone MOnument 2-3580

[Manhattan Artist Bureau]

January 17, 1938

17.3-2

My dear Mr. Marshall:

I am no longer connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and spend seven months in the year in Atlanta teaching. I shall be, therefore, unable to keep the appointment for this week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles L. Marshall
Manhattan Artist Bureau
210 West 125th Street
New York City

[Manufacturers Trust Bank]

17-12-111

June 2, 1938

I desire to establish a joint account at the Manufacturers Trust Bank, 125th Street, New York City together with my wife, Nina G. Du Bois.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Marshall

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CABLE RETTARB, NEW YORK

February 10, 1938.

17-8-59

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Logan:

I hand you herewith Mr. Marshall's check to the order of the DuBois Birthday Fund in the sum of $5.

Very truly yours,

Edward M Neary

Secretary to
Mr. James Marshall

Students

March 10, 1938

17-12-41

Memo to Miss Martin:

Miss Martin's make-up examination in African Culture will consist of the following work which she can do by herself but it must be finished on or before March 19:

She will divide her chapter into sections; each section will have a subject. She will make a title page which will give the number of the chapter, the subject of the chapter and a table of contents enumerating the sections with the pages on which each section begins. She will supply for each material statement a footnote with references to the sources of her authority in books or articles. She will append to the thesis a bibliography of at least fifteen books on the subject of Negro Art giving author, title, place of publication and date. All this work will be done on paper of the sort designated which she has used for the first ten pages of this report but not for the last twenty. This will involve largely a re-writing of this chapter and a re-examination of the sources. She will furnish also a map to illustrate the distribution and division of the various arts in Africa.

Miss Annie Mae Martin
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-12-18

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DR W E B DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES ON THIS YOUR SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

ISADORE MARTIN

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2121 WEST CHESTNUT STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Jan. 14, 1938.

12-12-23

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Sec.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter concerning the Du Bois Testimonial has been received. I wish to congratulate the promoters of the movement on the fitness of the Testimonial, I know of no one more deserving of this honor than Dr. Du Bois. I have always held Dr. Du Bois in the highest esteem and sincerely regret that I cannot contribute more than good wishes towards the success of the Testimonial - Mr. Matthews has been in ill health for 7½ years. For the past 4 years he has been out of the schoolroom, scarcely able to get around. His

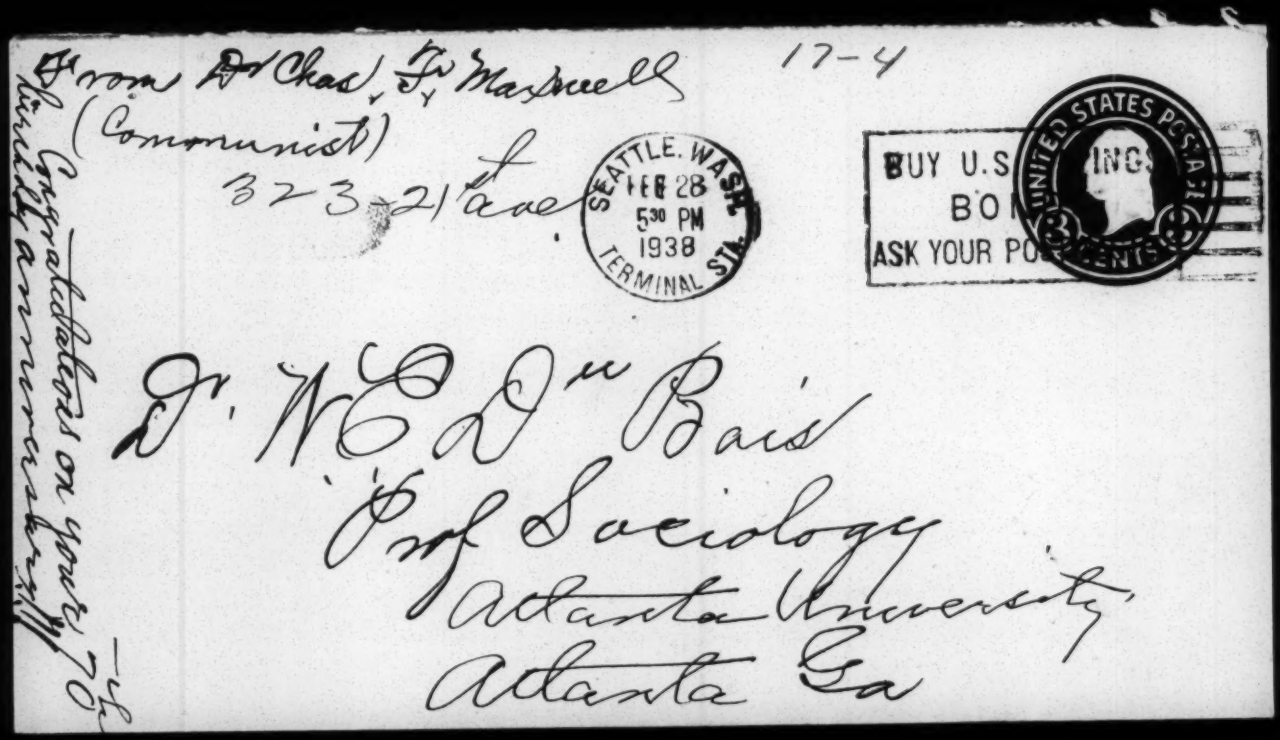
illness has been long and expensive, his pension from teaching is so small that it is almost negligible. As our means are limited, under the circumstances as much as I wish to, I find it impossible to make a contribution towards the Testimonial.

Pardon this long explanation but I've made it so that you may really understand the circumstances.

With all good wishes for the success of the movement, I am,

very truly yours,

Ophelia B. Matthews.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Atlanta Ga
Congratulations on your 70th birthday anniversary!!!
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From Dr. Charles F. Maxwell, 323-21st Ave.
Seattle by the C,
Washington 3/1-38

Dr DuBois: In "Black Reconstruction" you often say that the "Planter" class has been destroyed. A planter, as I understand the term was a man (or woman) who owned land; and workers who received no wages.

"There is nothing in a name, - a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." The census of 1930 does not show that any of the land of the south, has been transferred to the north, east (or and) west, but is now just where it always was, and is in the possession of white people; that wages in the south are precious little higher - or not as high, now or at any other time; than food, clothing, and shelter such as they were, that were supplied by the master-class. Now if the land is mostly owned by white people, and the cost of crop production is about the same now as it ever was, it seems to me that the "planter" is still on hand, no matter what other name you choose to apply to him.

17-4-68

The troubles of the tenant-farmer now, are ~~---~~ better than formerly, only to the extent that Negroes have moved to the cities, in a vain hope of making appreciable improvements.

I gean from what you write that with few exceptinal instances, Negroes have ever linked themselves with the capitalists, and were always rebuffed, as at present, when they tried to unite with the poor white people. Thus, Spellman seminary Atlanta University and other good schools are the rewards of Northern capitalists to assist the southern capitalists to keep the Negro in his place.

I note in your introduction that you found "asylum" at Atlanta University. It was quite neighborly in the University that you could return there just about the time that Johnson and Peters, along with yourself found that the funds of the N.A.A.C.P. were not sufficient to obtain dough nuts and because the poor white folks down there, dont furnish Negroes with your type of "asylum". Hanging and imprisonment, the former with or without trial, is their type of "asylum".

You, like many Negro writers, have much praise for Mr Lincoln, not because he saved the Union, but on account of an incidental emergency in the form of an Emancipation Proclamation. Either reason is a good one.

69-4-69

However it seems to me that Lincoln and his Republican party did what any President and any party would have done under similar conditions. That is to say, that Jefferson Davis would have freed not only Negroes, but all of the lice and bedbugs, if by so doing, he could have won the Civil War. Lincoln, as you indicate, was a slow and "tardy scholar" who learned his lesson acceptably, only when Jefferson Davis and his rope became "pretty close".

I am sorry that you discerned no merit in the pugnacious tenacity of Jefferson Davis as a factor concerned in our manumission. Perhaps the case is without merit - but it seems to have some to me.

I was frankly disappointed that you made no direct allusion to the fact that the Republican Party - embodied in Lincoln - articulate through his proclamation - freed the Negroes to fight in 1863; and then jammed them back into slavery in 1877 to seat President Hays over Samuel J. Tilden, - and that the Negro will forever remain in slavery as far as the south is concerned. I have never heard of a monument, statue, park street, playfield or cemetery any where in the south, named or dedicated to Rutherford B. Hayes. - Have you?

Your work, I regard as a fascinating portrayal of the trends of thought - during the period comprehended in your recital. ...

17-4-70

[Philip S. Mayer]

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION IN OHIO

EMERGENCY EDUCATION PROGRAM

COUNTY Jefferson

Wells High School
Steubenville, Ohio
July 7, 1938

Burghardt du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

We have conducted a community forum in this steel and coal mining district of about 100,000 people for the past two years. Congressman Ramsey of West Va., Judge Lois Mc Bride of Pittsburgh, Abraham Epstein, A. J. Muste and Miss Tony Sender of New York are among those who have appeared on our program.

We are dependent for expenses upon voluntary contributions and so have been unable to pay more than an average of $15. to any of our speakers.

We wonder under what terms would it be possible for you to arrange to speak for us preferably some Thursday night next fall or winter.

Besides the small expense account we are able to provide entertainment for a day or two if you could stay to visit the mine and mill communities here composed largely of colored and foreign people. Many speakers have thought our advantageous position for observation to be of special value.

Sincerely

Philip F. Mayer

Philip F. Mayer
County Supervisor

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[Philip S. Mayer, 1938]

September 21, 1938

17-10-65

My dear Sir:

Your letter of July 7 found me on vacation. It is possible that I shall be in the vicinity of Steubeville during the second or third week in February. If so, I might be able to speak for you. In case I am to be there I will let you know later.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Philip F. Mayer
Wells High School
Steubeville, Ohio

214 Park St.
Chardon, Ohio
November 13, 1938

W.E.B.Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Professor:

Thank you for your letter of September 21. Our forum in Steubenville has met with some opposition, and the future is uncertain. However, we shall be glad to know if you will be available in February, and I think your lecture could be staged successfully just by itself.

For the past five years I have been writing a gospel of Jesus which has just come from the press. It presents a revolutionary picture of Jesus, such as Thomas Jefferson, Tolstoy, and others have wanted to see developed. Jerome Davis, and other theological professors and ministers have helped with the preparation, and A.J.Muste wrote the introduction.

I think you will agree that a straightforward account of the message of Jesus would do much to liberate the power of the common people. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the booklet in the hope that you will be interested in writing a little something which we could use in encouraging the circulation.

Sincerely yours

Philip F. Mayer

Philip F. Mayer

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November 25, 1938

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My dear Sir:

I thank you for the little gospel which you sent me. I have read it with interest. I can speak for you in Steubenville, February fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth or seventeenth. But as these dates are offered elsewhere I shall have to know pretty so n your decision.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Philip F. Mayer
214 Park Street
Chardon, Ohio

Chardon, Ohio
December 14, 1938

Prof. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University

Dear Prof. DuBois:

I have been encouraged by your kind reception of my pamphlet. Unfortunately I have been separated from the work in Steubenville since August, and although I have been promised momentarily to be returned there, it has not yet been effected. I have tried to get the people there to arrange for your meeting, but they are awaiting my return. As a result nothing has been done as yet. I hope that it will be possible to make arrangements right after New Years, if you still have available dates at that time. I think the committee will be anxious to know what the cost will be.

I have just returned from a ten day trip visiting adult education centers at Cherokee and Brasstown, N.C., Monteagle, and Berea. Like Vachel Lindsay I traded booklets for food and lodging--also for gasolene and oil--to make the trip possible, and to get the reaction of strangers to the booklet. There was an eager reception everythwere, but I am particularly glad to have your discriminating interest.

Today I printed a folder with a cross section of the comments which have been received so far. I have taken the liberty of using a few words from your letter, and I hope you do not object. Please let me know if you could use additional copies of the folder or could handle any of the pamphlets at Atlanta.

Sincerely yours

Philip F. Mayer

Philip F. Mayer

December 16, 1938

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My dear Mr. Mayer:

I have still the date of February fourteenth free. My charge is fifty dollars out of which I pay my own expenses. I was glad to hear of your interesting trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Philip F. Mayer
214 Park Street
Chardon, Ohio

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 23, 1938

17-12-40

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am very sorry that it was not possible for me to attend your birthday dinner on February 23. I congratulate you on having reached your seventieth birthday and most of all for the fine contribution which you have made to American life and thought. May you have many more years to continue your constructive work.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
Dean.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

[Menafee]

Catherine, Please give
this as my contribution—

Mary E. Menafee

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Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Secretary
DuBois Birthday Fund
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-16-86

15 East Prentiss
Iowa City, Iowa
March 1, 1938

Dr. William E. B. Dubois
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for information

Dear Dr. Dubois:

I am a graduate student (Colored) in the field of Sociology at the State University of Iowa and am engaged in research on a thesis entitled, "Sociology in Negro Institutions of Higher Learning in the United States". This topic has been highly approved by the head of the department, Professor E. B. Reuter, who is advising me in this study.

I am asking that you fill out the enclosed questionnaire to aid me in completing this research study adequately and successfully. I will be very grateful for further suggestions towards its improvement.

Respectfully yours,

Olivia Merriwether

Olivia Merriwether

Answered 5/2/38

Columbus, O.
Jan 12 - 38

Mr. Logan

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Q. Method came yesterday + I'm writing to let you know Q. Method has been dead two years this month

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Mrs. Method.

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FORM 108—J-1788

17-17-25

ATLANTA, GA.
Office Date

To THE DUBOIS ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Address ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

The money order from HW NEWYORKCITY NY
(sending office)

dated 2/23/38 for $ 5.00 signed EDWARD C MICKEY

paid you herewith, included a message as follows:

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR DUBOIS ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

File K Miller

The Renunciation of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Part II, January 4, 1938.

Turn back the pages of race history for ten years when I wrote an article in Current History Magazine pointing out the inevitability of segregation as the outcome of race prejudice. DuBois was then at the head of the brain trust under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P. This militant organization consolidated its ingenuity in formulating the condemnatory reply in the same issue of this magazine in which I was branded as a compromiser, trimmer and time-server; but they in their Olympian superiority affected to serve eternity. But what a change a decade has brought forth!

Mr. Benjamin Stolberg, whose article in the Nation of October 23, 1937, is the occasion of this frank renunciation, accuses Dr. DuBois of aiming to set up a race autarchy. "Of all things!", frowns Stolberg; "Of all things!", retorts DuBois; and so exclaim we all. Dr. DuBois steps down from his lofty pedestal of human rights and race equality and puts his reliance in a dubious political-economic experiment. Negro autarchy or political, industrial, or economic autonomy in the midst of an arrogant overpowering democracy is not only unfeasible but unthinkable. Stolberg like others of his social persuasion believes that Carl Marx like John the Baptist was the harbinger of the coming of an ideal social order. All those who do not accept his gospel are waved aside with the left hand as being heathen or unregenerate simpletons. Dr. DuBois has now become an evangelist of the new doctrine proclaiming to his race, "Repent ye for the kingdom of 'Labor' is at hand." What assurance have we that Carl Marx and communism can overcome race prejudice where religion, education and philanthropy have failed? Even if we take for granted that the destruction of capitalism is good for the nation, what assurance has DuBois or Stolberg that it will be good for the Negro?

I have always admired in objectivity the magnificent obsession of Dr. DuBois and could wish that he like William Monroe Trotter might have persisted to the end in the delightful delusion that justice, equality and human rights for the Negro were just around the corner. I had hoped that he would continue to live in his own mysterious realm "beyond the veil" and give to the world a sublime example of a Negro idealist. Human nature has been enobled by the quest of the absolute.

Dr. DuBois' conversion comes too late in life to have any dynamic value. We naturally doubt the genuineness of any conversion after sixty. We admire and extol the sudden convert who like the apostle Paul shifts the foundation of his faith from lower to higher grounds when he sees a new light. But a backward conversion is anathematized as apostacy. Posterity builds no monuments; the poet sings no paeons to the memory of the apostate. Dr. DuBois has fought a good fight and has about finished his course; but, alas, he has finally faltered in the faith. We admire the heroes and martyrs who pursue their ideal to the end. Although they die without the sight, yet they endure as seeing the invisible.

After all there is no discredit in pursuing the unattainable, the ideal posited in the Declaration of Independence that all men are endowed with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness should never be abandoned though like the asymptote in mathematics it constantly approaches but never reaches its limit. These truths are self-evident and, therefore, everlasting, and although race prejudice may deny the Negro the exercise thereof, it cannot take away from him the right thereto. I had been disposed to classify Dr. DuBois among the choice human spirits who would not be swerved from his ultimate goal by things present or things to come, heights or depths, powers or principalities, or any other creature.

But the real tragedy of Dr. DuBois' sudden conversion will be its reflex upon those of the Talented Tenth who looked to him for light and leading with the devotion of discipleship. "Howl fir tree for the cedar has fallen!"

KELLY MILLER.

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Miller, Kelly

KELLY MILLER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON D.C.

February 7, 1938

Dr. Rayford Logan
DuBois Birthday Fund
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-8-47

My dear Dr. Logan:

I am enclosing my check for $5 on account of the DuBois 70th Birthday Celebration.

Yours truly,

Kelly Miller

Kelly Miller

Encl.
KM:b

President of
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

REV. C. M. THORPE
PASTOR OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
401 South Main Street
DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Principal of
CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL
P. O. Box 41, Chatham, Va.

Box 41
Chatham, Va.
March 22, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Pres. Atlanta Univ.
Atlanta, Ga.

17-16

Dear Sir:

I am hoping to finish high school this year. We are doing write up work. My class is reporting on the great characters of our race in education. I have read about you and have become more interested in you than any other man that I have read about and so your life and works will be the theme of my composition.

If I am not asking too much please send me a copy of your biography so that I may be able to do justice to the subject. I am trying to win the prize.

Thanking you in advance for this kind favor, I am,

yours respectfully, Harriette Milner.

March 23, 1938

My dear Miss Millner:

In answer to your letter of March 22, Dr. Du Bois wishes me to send you the enclosed account of his life from "Who's Who in America."

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

17-16

Miss Harriette Millner
Box 41
Chatham, Virginia

MISSIONS

VOL. 29, NO. 2 FEBRUARY, 1938

The Color Line from Edinburgh to Atlanta

WHEN 87-year-old Negro Bishop W. H. Heard arrived in Edinburgh as delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order, the hotel manager refused him a room. Deeply chagrined, the Archbishop of York invited him to his own residence. Having found lodging on a back street, the Negro graciously declined. Likewise chagrined were Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lady Simon. To their protest the hotel manager said he feared an American tourist boycott. *The Associated Press* carried the story to the ends of the earth. TIME featured it in its religious news. Thus American prejudice injected race disunity into a world conference on church unity. Against this stark, un-Christian realism, doctrinal differences at Edinburgh seemed like trivialities.

Shortly before that the American Library Association held its annual convention in Richmond. In an editorial, THE NEW REPUBLIC said:

> The American Library Association with 3,000 members met in Richmond. Negroes were denied rooms at headquarters hotels. However, they were graciously permitted to go in the front door of Convention Hall, provided that when sessions included breakfast, luncheon or dinner, the Negro delegates should rise and leave the room when the first whiff of the odor of soup reached their nostrils. The explanation is made rather plaintively that these restrictions are not the fault of the American Library Association, but are part of Virginia law. QUERY: Why should any *civilized* association that includes Negro members hold a convention in Virginia or in any other State that makes such distinctions?

Next year the 6th Baptist World Congress is scheduled for Atlanta. MISSIONS meets THE NEW REPUBLIC's query with two queries. What will THE NEW REPUBLIC or TIME or other periodicals interested in social justice, say about Baptists and their resolutions on racialism at Berlin four years ago, if situations arise in Atlanta comparable to those reported from Edinburgh and Richmond? A single incident would do more publicity damage than a dozen speeches on brotherhood could repair. It is true that we have gone a long way and have made vast improvement in race relations; yet it is also true that city ordinances, social customs and color prejudices cannot be changed overnight because a Baptist World Congress meets in Atlanta. Of course, American Negroes will take care to avoid embarrassments. But suppose a Negro Baptist comes from South Africa or a dark-skinned delegate from India or South America.

The second query is more pertinent. Where today, North or South, can any convention of white and colored members be sure of equal treatment? Last month a committee of the Federal Council of Churches spent a session in fruitless discussion of where religious groups might meet *in the North* without race discrimination. What was a Southern monopoly is now an all American issue.

The approaching Atlanta Congress therefore brings more than a dilemma to Southern Baptists. It behooves Northern Baptists to refrain from Pharisaical criticism, for they will face the same color line when the Baptist World Alliance meets in a Northern city. All of us, North and South, are faced with a problem that will require the wisest statesmanship, the greatest tact, the finest attitude, the most realistic good will, and the most thoroughgoing Christlike spirit that North and South, white and colored, individually, jointly, and cooperatively can produce.

A real test of our fidelity to Jesus Christ and His way of life is before us.

[MITCHELL]

ARTHUR W. MITCHELL
1ST DIST. ILLINOIS

CHICAGO ADDRESS:
417 EAST 47TH STREET

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1938.

12-17-59

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Logan:

In reply to your form letter of January 4th with reference to the celebration in honor of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois' Seventieth Birthday, I write to say that I am planning to be in Atlanta, next Sunday. If it is convenient while there, I shall be glad to see you or any one else interested in this celebration with a view of discussing the matter with you and rendering whatever service I can in helping sponsor this affair.

Thanking you kindly for the invitation and wishing you a very large degree of success in this matter, and in all of your undertakings not only throughout this year but for many years to come, believe me to be,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Mitchell

ARTHUR W. MITCHELL

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SPRINGFIELD OHIO

DR W E B DUBBIS

ATLANTA UNIV ATLA

GREETINGS TO YOU MY FRIEND ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

TOMMY

Wed. P.M.

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

I am writing you to announce to you, we have organized and opened a Community Center in Springfield. The building is really a credit to our city, our aim is for the welfare of the negro

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children, and to be supported, by our own group. — Each Monday night will be devoted to Educational programs, which I have been appointed as chairman. I do want so much to put on an interesting program each week, with

some outstanding characters, such as yourself. Is there a possibility that you could ~~X~~ give us a lecture date at some time.

This isn't exactly a business letter, but one to acquaint you with our work, and hope it will interest you, that I might be

able to report to my committee, you will at your convenience come to us, with one of your wonderful messages.

So hope you are enjoying every happiness. Hope you received my birthday greetings to you.

Truly

(Jenny) Luella J. Mitchell

June 16, 1938

12-13-38

My dear Tommy:

I have your letter. I have not made out any lecture schedule yet but usually I go on a short tour in February. I will write you sometime in the fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Luella J. Mitchell
1603 Charles Street
Springfield, Ohio

[Luella T. Mitchell]

1603 Charles Street
Springfield, Ohio

12-13-60

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Was never so thrilled as when I read your letter, saying you would be able to arrange to lecture here for us.

After meeting with the board, we decided on the thirteenth, which falls on the date of our first anniversary.

We plan to make your visit quite a gala affair. Do hope you had a pleasant summer. Looking forward with much pleasure seeing you.

Very truly
Jimmy

12-13-61

Thurs afternoon

P.S. Sorry I did not see you in Columbus. Would have been so happy had you stopped here for a chat.

October 24, 1938

12-13-38

My dear Tommy:

As you suggested I am writing you about lectures. I shall begin lecturing in the Middlewest February twelfth at the University of Chicago. I could lecture in Springfield, February thirteenth or February twentieth.

I hope this will find you well. I passed through your city yesterday and of course could not stop.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Luella T. Mitchell
1603 Charles Street
Springfield, Ohio

P.S. My fee is fifty dollars.

17-13-62

November 23, 1938

My dear Tommy:

I have your letter and shall be glad to speak at Springfild, Monday, February thirteenth, 1939. I am enclosing a list of my lecture subjects and would be glad to know what subject you should like to have me take. I shall be glad to see you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Luella J. Mitchell
1603 Charles Street
Springfield, Ohio

[Luella F Mitchell] 17-12-42

SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THREE CHARLES STREET

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks so many times, for the list of your subjects. — My committee decided, write me re "The American Negro, after

the Depression." — Would like so much, if I can a photo cut, that I might run in our daily papers. Got a stone is being left-unturned to make it a huge success. Looking forward with much enthusiasm seeing you again.

Sincerely
"Jimmy."

Sun. Eve.

Letter pending

December 20, 1938

Dear Tommy:

I will have a photograph sent to you just as soon as I receive some which I have ordered. Those which I have had are all out.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Luella Mitchell
1603 Charles Street
Springfield, Ohio

[Miyake]

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March 15, 1938.

17-11-52

My dear Prof. DuBois;

Mr. Hikida has informed me about your kind words on my visit to your university about March 21-22. I am leaving New York to-morrow night and going to Florida stopping at Richmond, Va and Chapel Hill, N. C. on the way.

I have found out that the American public are very much misinformed about the far eastern affairs and I have so far used any opportunity available to tell the facts and truth before the faculty and students in many colleges and universities so far visited. It will give me a great

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pleasure if you could give me an opportunity — to give a talk about Sino-Japanese situation before some of your faculty members and students.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am

Yours very sincerely

K. Miyata

17-18

See Items 1-37

DR. KIICHI MIYAKE

PROFESSOR OF BOTANY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
TOKYO IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY

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AKASAKAKU TOKYO

[Modern age Books]

January 8, 1938

Books

My dear Mr. Hacker:

I am sending you herewith a copy of my novel The Quest of the Silver Fleece. It is the only copy that I have and I would be very glad if you would eventually return it to me. Mr. Ira De A. Reid has told me that he has been consulting with you with regard to the re-publication of this novel in the Modern Age series. I should be very glad if it could be done.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Louis M. Hacker
Editor, Modern Age Books
Columbia University
New York City

Modern age books

LOUIS M. HACKER
449 WEST 123 STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Jan. 21, 1938

49-35-10

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

It was good of you to have sent me your review of The Quest of the Silver Fleece. I read it with real interest and admiration. The Modern Age people however thought its appeal was likely to be too limited; and for that reason and with regret asked me to return it. The real reason, of course, is their necessity for printing 50,000 copies of each book in order to meet unit costs. And that is a

consideration that almost completely immobilizes them.

Yours sincerely,

Louis R Harlan

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

The Modern School
416 - West 154 Street
New York, N. Y.

May 30, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Dept. of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois,

I am pleased to give you the report of DuBois' intelligence test. On February 21, 1938, miss Dorothy H. Wright, the school examiner, tested and found DuBois to have an I. Q of 144. She is mentally the age of a child seven years, eight months

old.

The test used to determine the I. Q. was The Stanford Revision of the Binet-Simon Intelligence Tests.

DuBois was quite stimulated the day she was tested. It is Miss Wright's belief that the results might have been higher.

The examiner finds DuBois to be a very superior child.

If you care to have any further report on DuBois, I will be glad to send it to you.

Sincerely,

Mildred L. Johnson

April 29, 1938

17-7-45

My dear Lewis:

I think Mrs. Williams has written you that we are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Fisk class of 1888 next June. I wish very much that you could be there as representative of your father. Won't you make every effort to come? Let me hear from you.

I hope you are in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis Moore
1032 Taylor Street
Waco, Texas

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Paul Quinn Senior College

Waco, Texas

May 5, 1938

17-7-15

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

You cannot imagine how sorry I am that I cannot attend my father's class reunion, but I am sure that I shall not be able to get away since my summer school begins June 1. As I am director of that school, my presence here is imperative.

I had a letter from Mrs. L. B. Williams and she, too, urges me to join her party.

I hope that you will have an interesting stay, and that you will meet many former friends. With best wishes I am

Very sincerely yours,
Lewis Tindall Moore

Lewis Tindall Moore

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[Morehouse College, Senior Class]

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17-11-23

Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.
February 2, 1938.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This letter comes to solicit your aid in the Senior Class project for the Hope Memorial Exercise.

We are planning to purchase for this occasion a portrait photograph of Dr. John Hope that will be placed in Sale Hall chapel and unveiled in the course of the ceremony.

We are asking that you help us in this endeavor by contributing a small sum toward the cost of the purchase.

Will you at your earliest convenience, leave your contribution at the Bursar's office in an envelope addressed to me.

Respectfully yours,

Bernard Milton Jones
Pres. of Senior Class

BMJ:TM

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October eighth
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-11-38

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This comes to acknowledge with thanks your letter of October third concerning the noise made by the students on the first floor of this building.

I have taken the matter up with the students and I do not believe that there will be any further disturbance. However, in case your work is further disrupted by thoughtless students, I shall appreciate it if you will call our attention to the matter.

Yours truly

K. A. Huggins.
K. A. Huggins,
Acting Dean of Men

KAH:GB

[MOREHOUSE COLLEGE]
Oct 28, 1938

17-5

DR. S. H. ARCHER

"My life? I can tell you about myself in one sentence: I was born December 23, 1870----and I haven't stopped living yet....."

It is characteristic of Doctor Archer to sum up thus briefly the years of an exceedingly busy and useful life, so that he might, with characteristic unselfishness, give in service to others the time that the telling about himself would take. But those who have had the good fortune to know him and to be associated with him know that there is much more to his life than the mere fact that he was born and continues to live---though the latter is very significant in the lives of hundreds of Negro youth seeking enlightenment through education.

Samuel Howard Archer was born in Petersburg, Virginia. He attended there the Peabody Public School and then entered Wayland Academy at Washington, D. C. During two years of his stay here he was a student-teacher. From Wayland he went to Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, and was graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts.

At Colgate, Doctor Archer was the type of student that we now term "best man of affairs." He was prominent in athletics, playing for three years as guard on the Varsity Eleven, and was an able and forceful speaker. In fact, public speaking and oratory seemed to be his hobby---a hobby which netted him three enviable prizes during his college career. Further proof of his ability to speak and his well-roundedness as a student was given when he was chosen one of the six Commencement speakers. (Continued on page four)

PROGRAM

HONORING DR. S. H. ARCHER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Sale Hall, October 28, 1938

Sponsored by the Senior Class
Bernard F. Robinson Presiding

College Song	
Scripture and Invocation	Charles E. Houston
Faculty Speaker	Mr. N. P. Tillmann
Violin Solo	Richard Durant
Student Speaker	Marshall S. Cabiness
Remarks	Dr. S. H. Archer
Presentation of Gift	
College Hymn	

Morehouse College Chapel
9:00 A. M.

After his graduation, Doctor Archer taught for three years (1902-1905) at Roger Williams University. He came to Morehouse College in the fall of 1905, the last year of the administration of Dr. George Sale.

Immediately he took hold of the school in such a way that he still bears the name of the first impression he made--"Big Boy." In the classroom, on the football field (where he coached from 1905 to 1909, and again from 1912 to 1915) he showed that "snap, dash, and enthusiasm" that have all these years since characterized him. He believed in clean sports and victories--and won both. He presented his subject-matter firmly--and got results. Whatever mannerisms may have characterized his classroom bearing served only to endear him to adoring, loyal students. A heart sympathetic and kindly and big enough to bear the sorrows of others--this was and is Doctor Archer. A fine teacher, a fine coach, a friend of students!

He has also taken his place in the community, and is beloved by all who know him.

As a friend, he has had many opportunities and crises to weigh him during his thirty-three years at Morehouse College, and has never been found wanting.

As an administrator, few college presidents have had greater opportunity to try their mettle.

In all this varied activity his progress in scholarship has not lagged. He still remains the aggressive, inspiring teacher, Christian gentleman, and leader of youth.

Morehouse Alumnus (Vol. I, No. 2)

I have a painting of Toussaint L'Ouverture. If you could assist me in getting this into a colored school, I should be very grateful, and gladly give you a commission. Enclosed you will find a biography. My references are:

Professor Albert B. Hart
Widener Library
Harvard College
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Yours truly,

Mrs. E. H. Morris

(2)

May 2, 1938

Request for info

17-16-14

My dear Mrs. Morris:

I am referring your letter to Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. H. Morris
30 Parker Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

17-12-08

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DR W E B DUBOISE

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

CONGRATULATIONS AND WISH YOU MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY FROM ONE OF YOUR FIRST STUDENTS WHO HASNT FORGOTTEN YOU

PEARL HENRY MORRISON.

Mon. 28, 1938

My dear Mr. Du Bois -

Only after reading some of your splendid books does a person realize what a great problem you are working on. Do you have plans for a new book? What will be its title?

In our sociology class we will soon study race problems. If you could help us any, we would be very happy and feel extremely honored.

We will be hoping to hear from you.

Yours truly,
Jo Ann Norwood

2417 Wilbarger St.
Vernon, Texas

7-16-58

December 2, 1938

My dear Madam:

My new book BLACK FOLK; THEN AND NOW, a history of the Negro race in all parts of the world is in the hands of the publisher, Henry Holt and Company. I am hoping it will be published in the spring. I appreciate your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

17-16-54

Miss Jo Ann Morwood
2417 Millarger Street
Vernon, Texas

[Mt. Zion M.E. Church]

February 8, 1938

17-1-26

My dear Mr. Williams:

I am sending a photograph herewith. I have no mat. I am expecting to speak at Mount Zion M. E. Church, Friday, February eighteenth. You have not indicated the subject nor the hour. Please write me immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Arthur D. Williams
3025 Walter Street
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301 East Barr Street
Lancaster, South Carolina
May 2, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-16-14

Dear Dr. DuBois.

You did not write to me. You were to give me a list of books on economics that I could read to prepare myself for the course in Sociology as that is one of my weak points.

Thank you, I am—

Very truly yours,

Sarah E. Murphy

May 7, 1938

17-16-15

My dear Miss Murphy:

I recommend the following list of books for your reading in sociology:

P. F. Gemmill and R. H. Blodgett, Economics: Principles and Problems
Ralph Linton, The Study of Man
Lichtenberger, The Development of Social Theory
Lundberg, America's Sixty Families
Stonequist, The Marginal Man

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Sarah E. Murphy
301 East Barr Street
Lancaster, South Carolina

GUNNAR MYRDAL
RICHARD STERNER
535 WEST 114TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Social Memo

November 26, 1938

15-31-102

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Spelman College and Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Now that we have returned to New York from our trip to the South I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kindness to me when I was in Atlanta.

The most interesting discussion I had with you on the social and racial question was extremely valuable to me in understanding the magnitude of our problem, and I have the deepest appreciation for the time you devoted to me.

I am looking forward to coming back to Atlanta although probably not before the beginning of next year, and shall avail myself then of your offer of a further conference.

Yours very sincerely

Gunnar Myrdal

gm:srd

S. M. Nabrit
Grace DeLorme
N. E. Prophet
H. T. Albro
Mrs. L. P. Hill
W. S. Braithwaite

17-18-33

March 21, 1938

Will Mr. Nabrit join me in a dinner to Dr. Miyake, Professor of Botany, Tokyo Imperial University at the Atlanta University Dormitories tonight at seven? We will assemble in the women's lounge at 6:45.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

308 Eye St. N.W.
May 11, 1938
Washington, D.C.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois:
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

17-8-1

Dr. DuBois:-

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you to ask information concerning the pagaent "Star of Ethiopia", written by you some years ago. I am very desirous of obtaining this immediately.

If you have a copy on hand kindly forward same to me by return air mail. If not please let me know if I can secure

a copy in Washington. I need the use of it on Monday May 16th, hence an immediate reply would be highly appreciated.

very respectfully,
(Mrs.) Sadie E. Nash

(enclosed find Air mail stamp for reply)

17-18-2

May 19, 1938

My dear Madam:

The pageant STAR OF ETHIOPIA has never been published and can only be used by my permission and under my special supervision.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sadie E. Nash
308 Eye Street Northwest
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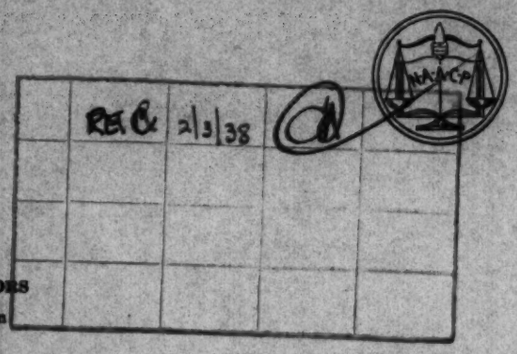

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February 1, 1938

Dr. Rufus E. Clement,
President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Clement:

I have received your letter of January 23rd requesting this Association to send an official representative to the celebration of the seventieth birthday of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

I have already been invited to make a speech at the dinner on this occasion, and have agreed to do so. I shall make that speech in my individual capacity as a friend of Dr. DuBois for many years. But I shall also be glad to represent the Association officially at the general convocation, and I shall let you know later whether any other representatives of the Association will be present in an official capacity.

May I add that I was a life-long friend of your predecessor, Dr. Hope, and shall welcome this opportunity to make the personal acquaintance of his successor?

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Spingarn

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July
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(Mailed 7/13/38)

15-31-14

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I enclose herewith self-explanatory copy of correspondence that I have had with David Selznick regarding the screen version of "Gone With the Wind". I would like very much to have from you any suggestions and information which you think it might be helpful for me to pass on to Mr. Selznick. Among the suggestions I should like to have is the name of the best qualified person to suggest to Mr. Selznick, if he or Sidney Howard asks us to suggest someone to be engaged to assist in the manner outlined by him in the last paragraph of his letter of June 20th.

Cordially,

Walter White

Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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[Enclosure]

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
69 Fifth Avenue - New York

June 7th
1938

My dear Mr. Selznick:

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland through Rabbi Robert E. Jacobs of Hoboken has been good enough to share with us your reply of May 24th to Dr. Brickner's letter of May 17th on behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis with respect to the treatment of the Negro in your forthcoming production of "Gone With the Wind".

We are happy to know of the care which you are taking to avoid the pitfalls which are so likely in making a picture from a novel with as many false emphases as "Gone With the Wind".

Wherever I have gone, and the same is true of other members of our staff, we have found among both white and colored Americans a very definite apprehension as to the effect this picture will have. Frankly, I share this apprehension.

Because of this I would like to offer the suggestion that Selznick International Pictures employ in an advisory capacity a person, preferably a Negro, who is qualified to check on possible errors of fact or interpretation.

I would like also to suggest that the writer of the script read BLACK RECONSTRUCTION by W. E. B. Du Bois, published by Harcourt, Brace and Company in June, 1935. Should you wish it I would be glad also to gather and send to you a few of the reviews written by competent scholars which point out how biased Miss Mitchell's presentation of the Reconstruction Era is in many instances.

Ever sincerely,

(Signed) Walter White
Secretary.

Mr. David O. Selznick
9336 Washington Boulevard
Culver City, California

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SELZNICK INTERNATIONAL PICTURES, Inc.
9336 Washington Boulevard, Culver City, California

June 20, 1938

DAVID O. SELZNICK
President

Mr. Walter White, Secretary
Nat'l. Assoc. for Advancement of
Colored People
69 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter of June 7th about "Gone With the Wind".

I hasten to assure you that as a member of a race that is suffering very keenly from persecution these days, I am most sensitive to the feelings of minority peoples.

I will be very glad to have the reviews to which you refer in your letter, and to go over these with Mr. Sidney Howard, who is doing the script. Mr. Howard, in the event that you do not know it, is also a very good friend of the colored race. We will also go over the book, "Black Reconstruction", in accordance with your suggestion.

It is definitely our intention to engage a Negro of high standing to watch the entire treatment of the Negroes, the casting of the actors for these roles, the dialect that they use, etcetera, throughout the picture. One man whom we were considering, among others, is Hall Johnson.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) David O. Selznick

dos;bb

15-31-76

COPY

[Enclosure]

15-31-77

June
28th
1938 (Dictated June 25th)

Dear Mr. Selznick:

Your very interesting and encouraging letter of June 20th comes just as I am leaving the city for our 29th Annual Conference at Columbus, Ohio, and for some lectures at Northwestern University. I shall write you on my return to the city around July 7th.

I am asking my secretary to gather and send you the reviews. I am also getting opinions from two or three persons who are exceedingly familiar with GONE WITH THE WIND and with the period of which it treats.

I know Mr. Sidney Howard and his work and thus know of how sincere his interest in and attitude towards the Negro are. His and your connection with the forthcoming picture are most heartening as guaranties of its attitude on the subject matter of the book and films. But you will understand that our apprehension in that the book fundamentally is so essentially superficial and false in its emphases that it will require almost incredible effort to make a film from the novel which would not be both hurtful and inaccurate picture of the Reconstruction era. In saying this I want to emphasize again that I do not by this mean to stress racial chauvinism or hypersensitiveness. Our interest is solely that of accuracy according to the most rigid standards of historical truth. But the writing of history of the Reconstruction period has been so completely confederatized during these last two or three generations that we naturally are somewhat anxious.

In saying this I do not mean to charge that all Americans are prejudiced. Most historical treatments of the pre-Civil War and Reconstruction days either completely ignore the considerable part played by the Negro in American history or give such distorted and essentially vicious treatment to the Negro that it is a wonder that white Americans are not more prejudiced than they are, though that in itself would be an achievement of no mean proportions. The motion picture, appealing as it

does to both the visual and auditory senses, reaches so many Americans, particularly of the middle classes, that infinite harm could be done in a critical period like this when racial hatreds and prejudices are so alive.

I am interested in knowing of your intention to engage a Negro of high standing to watch the entire treatment of the Negro in the casting of actors, etc. I have very high regard for Hall Johnson and believe he could be of great service to you. I would think, however, that since Mr. Johnson is sessentially an artist in the field of music, it might be well to have also, if you engage Mr. Johnson, the advice and assistance of one whose familiarity with the Reconstruction period would be somewhat more extended than one who has devoted his life largely to one field. In saying this I by no means wish to appear to criticise Mr. Johnson.

15-31-28

Ever sincerely,

Secretary.

COPY

Mr. David O. Selznick
President,
Selznick International Pictures, Inc.,
9336 Washington Boulevard
Culver City,
California.

WW:CTF

July 8, 1938

My dear Mr. White:

Please permit me to say in answer to your letter of July 6 addressed to Dr. Du Bois that he has left for the North on vacation.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

17-4

Mr. Walter White
NAACP
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

[NAACP: Columbus]

January 4, 1939

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson

to

W. E. B. Du Bois, Dr.

Balance due $36.81

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[NAACP: COLUMBUS]

February 20, 1939

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson

to

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February 23, 1938

Hon. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dubois:

Tomorrow I believe, is the anniversary of your birth. This letter is written for the purpose of conveying to you my very best wishes and congratulations.

Both personally and for the Columbus N.A.A.C.P. I join your friends the world over in wishing you the best life may offer in years to come.

Yours truly,

Jesse G. Dickinson

Jesse G. Dickinson, President

jgd:m

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17-3-75

Hon. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. DuBois:

Last Sunday the local N.A.A.C.P. opened beautiful new offices on the ground floor at 1026 East Long Street. We have displays concerning both local and national programs of the Association, a full time clerk, and desks for the clearance of both senior branch and Youth Council activities; and facilities for board and committee meetings. We will sell some few concessions -- newspapers, "Crisis" and "Opportunity" magazines, and endeavor to provide latest information about civil service examinations. We also want to have a very complete library of works by Colored authors, and books of particular interest to our members and the race.

We would appreciate it if you donate to this office copies of books and articles you have written. This will be a part of our permanent collection, but will be supplemented by a loaned collection of selected works from the city library.

Please send felicitations to our local board or branch by March 13th, as that is the date when we expect to have an elaborate and impressive dedication ceremony. With a stronger determination to make the coming conference the best in the organization's history, I am

Yours sincerely,

Jesse G. Dickinson

Jesse G. Dickinson, President

March 5, 1938

17-3-76

My dear Sir:

I congratulate you upon your new office and hope you will be able to do successful work.

I regret to say that my works and articles would run to from fifteen to twenty different volumes. Some of these are out of print and the others I would myself have to buy from the publishers if I donated them. I am sorry, therefore, not to be able to comply with your request.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson, President
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
1026 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

[NAACP: COLUMBUS]

April 5, 1939

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson

to

W. E. B. Du Bois, Dr.

17-1

Balance due $36.81

Prompt remittance would be appreciated

[NAACP: COLUMBUS]

November 25, 1938

17-1

My dear Sir:

May I acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of fifty dollars; and I note also your promise to send the balance of $36.81. I trust you have seen some good results of your movement.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson
1474 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

[N.A.A.C.P - Spelman College]

Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia
April 13, 1938

17-1-69

My dear Dr. DuBois,

The Spelman Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., consisting of about thirty members, desires very much to have you as guest speaker at the meeting for the purpose of installing the new officers. We have planned a simple banquet for the occasion.

If you could aid us in fulfilling our desire by accepting our cordial invitation to join us for dinner, Friday, April 15, 1938, at 6:30 P.M. and, afterwards, to deliver an informal talk to the group, we would be deeply honored and highly appreciative.

Sincerely yours,
Coral Smith, Pres.

[National Assoc. of College Women]

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Prof. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
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Dear Professor:

Would you kindly write us a few words in the form of an endorsement of a National Negro Pageant to be put on at the coming World's Fair of 1939 depicting the rise development and general advancement that the race has made along the lines of agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, arts, sciences, literature, music, professionally, religiously, in short, educationally in general, during our sojourn in this country.

This being National in scope, will give every colored person, organization or institution that has done or can do anything worthwhile, a chance to come forth and demonstrate their worth.

Aside from the amazing entertainment features it will be highly educational to all people, and will serve greatly in bringing about a better understanding, and establishing a more friendly attitude, and humane or brotherly relations amongst us; thereby stimulating the youths and all ambitious aspirants of the race in future generations, to continue to improve and endeavor to do bigger and better things to further the good of humanity in general.

We have reason to believe that adequate endorsements will make financing easy, especially when it is understood that all profits derived from the proposition will be placed in a fund for federated negro charities. The estimated cost of the entire proposition is $16,000,000. Will you work with us? Would you appear on our program? Have you something to exhibit? Would you interest others in the same?

Thanking you in advance for a speedy reply and for whatever cooperation you may be pleased to give us, that we together may seize upon this timely opportunity to produce an affair that will go down in history to the memory of all concerned, we are

Yours sincerely,

Earl White

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Office of
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March 11, 1938

Lectures 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

As a co-sponsor of the lecture which you recently delivered at the Church of the Good Shepherd, we are anxious to file copies of the various lectures which are presented. Please provide this office with a copy of your manuscript.

Very sincerely yours,

A. L. Foster

A. L. Foster
Executive Secretary

Alf:db

17-1-59

March 14, 1938

Dear Sir:

I regret that the lecture at the Church of the Good Shepherd was not written and consequently I cannot send you the manuscript.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. L. Foster
Chicago Urban League
3032 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

NEGRO FORUM COUNCIL

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Office of Director
604 North Second Street

October 24, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

17-10-26

The Negro Forum Council of Richmond extends to you an invitation to appear as guest speaker on one of its program this season.

Public Forum sessions are held regularly on the Second and Fourth Sunday evenings of each month, through May 1939.

During the past season we have presented speakers of National and Inter-National repute and have enjoyed an average attendance of 500 persons at our meetings.

Our open dates for your selection and consideration are, December 11th and 25th; January 8th and 22nd and February 26th, 1939.

May I ask that you give us an early reply as we have extended these dates to other prospective speakers and are desirous of closing them at once.

In your reply of acceptance, will you kindly state what financial requirement we are to meet.

Very truly yours,

Milton L. Randolph

Milton L. Randolph
Director

MLR:fol

November 1, 1938

My dear Sir:

I could speak for your Forum January twenty-second, 1939. My charge would be fifty dollars and board and lodging for one day.

Very sincerely yours,

17-10-27

Mr. Milton L. Randolph
Negro Forum Council
604 North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

November 23, 1938

My dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of October 24, I sent you a letter November 1, a copy of which I enclose. It will be necessary for me to settle this matter soon as I am making other engagements about the same time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Milton L. Randolph
Negro Forum Council
604 North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

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November 25 19 38

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, also of November 23rd, and regret delay in response, which has been due to illness.

17-10-29

The date of January 22nd, accepted in your letter was previously accepted by President Holmes of Morgan College before we had received your reply. Your terms are agreeable to us, but we will have to offer you your choice of dates in March, April or May. The dates are March 12th or 26th; April 9th or 23rd; May 14th or 28th, 1939.

Hoping that one of these dates will fit into your program. We anticipate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Milton L. Randolph

Milton L. Randolph
Director

MLR:fcl

November 30, 1938

My dear Sir:

I could speak for you Sunday, April ninth. The charge as I have said to be fifty dollars; but I must have confirmation of your acceptance of this date at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

17-10-30

Mr. Milton L. Randolph
Negro Forum Council
604 North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

[Negro Forum Council]

December 22, 1938

17-1031

My dear Sir:

In my letter of November 30, answering yours of November 25, I offered you the date of April ninth and said "I must have confirmation of your acceptance of this date at your earliest convenience". I cannot hold this date open much longer. Unless, therefore, I hear from you by return mail I shall assume that you have made other arrangements.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Milton L. Randolph
Negro Forum Council
604 North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

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Realizing that the greatest handicap of any racial group is the lack of proper information, understanding, and interpretation on present day subjects and problems, the Negro FORUM Council was organized in January, 1937, for the purpose of filling this need of creating an informed and enlightened public opinion, particularly among the Negro citizens of Richmond.

The sessions of the Forum held since its organizatoin have had an average attendance of 500 and have afforded Richmond some of the nation's outstanding personalities.

PROGRESS IS OUR DESTINY and we are asking that this be mutually desired and achieved. We are in the midst of a financial drive for $500.00 to assure the success of our expanded program and the appearance of the speakers list.

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WE CAN JUDGE THE SUPPORTERS OF THE CULTURAL PROGRESS OF RICHMOND ONLY BY THE EXTENT OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AND CO-OPERATION THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF SEASON TICKETS OR THROUGH DIRECT DONATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH AN INSTITUTION AS THE NEGRO FORUM COUNCIL.

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1. The Negro Forum Council is not a Community Fund Agency.
2. The Council does not sponsor action on problems or questions but furnishes an agency for creating an enlightened public opinion as a basis for intelligent action by other existing organizations.
3. Speakers for the Forum sessions are selected without bias, by a democratically chosen committee and are selected according to their availability and our financial resources.
4. Discussions last rarely more than one and one-half hours.
5. Any duly appointed representative of any organized group in the community may become an Executive Member of the Negro Forum Council upon the payment of the required executive fee of $3.00 per year. From this membership group all officers and members of the executive committee are elected. Holders of Donor Season Tickets are eligible upon appointment for service on the advisory or other functionary committees.
6. The next election of officers and members to the Executive Committee will take place in January, 1939, and such persons elected will serve for a period of two years.
7. The fiscal year of the Negro Forum Council runs from September through May of the following year and season tickets available at $1.00 each will cover such public meetings as are held by the Forum during this period.
8. Persons not holding Patron's Season Tickets will be required to make a minimum donation at each public meeting of ten cents, such donations being collectable at the door.
9. Secure your season ticket today and help to raise the intellectual level of your Richmond neighbors. "With all thy getting, get Understanding."
10. We endeavor to create an enlightened public opinion on public questions through presenting authoritative speakers and discussions.

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DR W E B DUBOIS

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THE PRESIDENTS AND THE SECRETARIES.

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SMITH COLLEGE
NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1938

12-17-21

President William Allan Neilson regrets that it will be impossible for him to be present at a banquet honoring the seventieth birthday of William Edward Burghardt DuBois on Wednesday, February Twenty-third, at seven o'clock.

MRS. WILLIAM W. NELSON
156 ELM STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

January 19, 1938

12-17-68

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Logan:

I gladly welcome the opportunity of contributing to the DuBois Birthday Fund and I sincerely congratulate the sponsors of this worthy plan to honor Dr. DuBois on his seventieth birthday. Certainly a man so outstanding as he in scholarship and innumerable accomplishments over a long period of years should receive evidences of appreciation while he can enjoy them.

With pleasure I recall my years of association with Dr. DuBois beginning with his first year as teacher at Atlanta University. My first admiration of him as a teacher has only increased during the many years since when I have had chance to observe the wider scope of his knowledge.

I earnestly hope that this testimonial will have the unanimous cooperation that it so well deserves and that it will leave so favorable an impression upon Dr. DuBois that there will be no question in his mind as to the sincerity of his many friends and admirers. I regret my inability to be present at the banquet.

Dr. Nelson joins me in kind personal regards to you.

Very cordially yours,

Edwina Taylor Nelson

Nelson

MRS. WILLIAM W. NELSON
156 ELM STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

12-17-22

Jan. 26, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Logan:

My young nephew, William Clyde Page, learning of the DuBois Birthday plan, has sent me a contribution of one dollar toward it in memory of his mother. She was Bessie Taylor Posey and was in her senior year when Dr. DuBois first entered Atlanta University as a teacher. She always felt that he was deserving of the highest honor and, were she now living, would be taking an active part in this planned celebration.

I am pleased to know that the response is so far encouraging.

With continued good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Edwina Taylor Nelson

Send receipt to

[NELSON]

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

17-17-23

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 21, 1938

Dr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

Mr. Nelson is out of town for a few days but before leaving he asked that I send you his check for $5 toward the DuBois Birthday Fund and express his regret that he cannot be present at the dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Edna M. Jones

Edna M. Jones
Secretary

[NEPTUNE]

M. MAE NEPTUNE • SPELMAN COLLEGE • ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 8, 1938

Professor Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Professor Reid,

Replying to your note from the DuBois Testimonial Committee, let me first assure you that my failure to respond has been due to no lack of interest in your project. in approval

I heartily respond/to the testimonial to Dr. DuBois. It would not be in good taste for me to tell you how much I am taxing myself this year for support of needy students. But if you have any doubt that it is heavy ask Mrs J.W. Stanley , Treasurer of Spelman College. I do this in the face of extremely heavy losses which have been on me since the beginning of the DEPRESSION. Such losses coming to one as near the end of my active work as the calender tells me that I am, makes some things impossible.

17-12-54

Collectors on the campus for various student enterprises seldom ever miss me.

I certainly hope that my failure to respond to the full request does not hinder the success of the project--that is, making Dr. DuBois feel certain of how much we all do appreciate all the fine things he stands for in these institutions and wherever he is known.

Count on me for the price of a ticket to the banquet, but if space is crowded, I shall be glad to give my seat to some one else who may have a better right to occupy it than I . I understand you expect many guests from a distance. I shall be quite willing to yield my seat to any such person or to a student or alumnus. This can be done quietly , of course.

Sincerely yours,

M Mae Neptune

[A Newell]

SPELMAN COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-8-87

17 January, 1938.

Dear Dr. Logan:

Enclosed are two checks
1.) to cover a gift which I am
indeed glad to give in so
2.) very honorable a cause, & only wish it were larger
& be able to cover my appreciation
for the services of the Com-

Newdegate

Wed 22nd. & Thurs 23rd. of February,

1938.

Good luck attends

Your efforts, &

Those of all of Your

Splendid Committee

Sincerely yours,

A. Newdegate.

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Special delivery

March 1, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-13-1

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Because of the widespread interest prevailing in you and your activities in behalf of racial recognition and advancement over the years, we feel it to be fitting and proper that something a bit more tangible be put in print about your life.

May we have your permission to publish in a series of articles, "A Pageant In Seven Decades," a copy of which has been mailed to us in connection with your 70th birthday celebration?

Such a series would be started within the next two weeks, providing we can have exclusive rights to the same.

Awaiting your earliest reply, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Dan Burley

N. Y. AMSTERDAM NEWS
Dan Burley, City Editor

DB:GB

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[Amsterdam News]

March 4, 1938

My dear Sir:

You have permission to publish my life in a series of articles in your paper providing you will take special pains with the proof reading. In fact I should very much like to see the proof of each installment before it is printed. The matter is being copywrited and will not be published elsewhere until after you have finished publication.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Dan Burley
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March 18, 1938

12-13-3

Dr. W. E. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Enclosed is a revised proof of your autobiography we are running as announced in this week's issue of the Amsterdam News. Will you make what corrections and changes you deem necessary and rush the same back to us for publication in our issue of Wednesday, March 23? A stamped envelope is enclosed for that purpose.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Dan Burley

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April 4, 1938

17-13-4

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Due to some unavoidable delay, we were not able to send the third installment of your autobiography as promised. However, I am asking that you check same and return to me by Wednesday morning. I will try to send the fourth installment at the regular time.

Yours very truly,

Dan Burley

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Enc.

DAN BURLEY

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Mr. Dan Burley
Amsterdam News
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New York

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W. E. B. Du Bois

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PLEASE SEND STATEMENT ON LIFE AND WORK OF JAMES WELDON JOHNSON FOR PUBLICATION IN AMSTERDAM NEWS AT OUR EXPENSE=

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June 28, 1938

Night letter

Doctor DuBois has left for the North on his vacation.

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Earl Brown
Amsterdam News
2271 Seventh Avenue
New York City.

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NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY

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W E B DU BOIS
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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

March 16, 1938

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Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

We return your check of March 5 for $3.00 as you failed to sign it.

Your subscription for the daily and Sunday editions of The New York Times has been renewed and an invoice for two months is enclosed for your attention. The papers will be sent regularly pending your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

THE NEW YORK TIMES
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W. L. Murray

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[New York University]

INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS
AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK CITY

JULY 25 TO AUGUST 12, 1938

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April 19
1938

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

TO LECTURERS AT INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS 1933 - 1937

Dear Friend:

Because such a radical change has been made in the status of the Institute of Race Relations, the committee is writing you regarding it knowing you will be interested.

During the past five summers the Institute has averaged about 45 students, making a total of over 200 students. Their academic background has been as follows:

Students holding the degree of B.A. or B.S.	112
Students holding the degree of M.A.	56
Students holding the degree of Ph.D.	9
Students holding other degrees	19
Graduates of Normal Schools or Teachers Colleges	10
Graduates of Divinity Schools or Schools of Religious Education	14

The above list does not include the undergraduate students or those who were not working for and did not anticipate receiving college degrees.

So far as the question of occupations of Institute students is concerned, the following holds true:

Social Workers	31
College Instructors or Professors	20
School Teachers	23
Those working for graduate degrees	19
Y.W.C.A. Secretaries	16
Religious Education Secretaries	10
Educational Workers not in other categories	9
Clergymen	9

The remaining students would fall under the category of business men, farmer, housewives, etc.

The geographical distribution of the students is as follows:

Pennsylvania	70	D. of C.	11	Indiana	6
New York	29	Georgia	8	Missouri	5
New Jersey	14	Ohio	8	Alabama	5

Four students or less from the following states:

Arkansas	Massachusetts	South Carolina
California	Mississippi	Tennessee
Connecticut	Nebraska	Texas
Michigan	North Carolina	Virginia
		West Virginia

Increasingly the committee has been of the opinion that given the high grade of work which was carried on at the Institutes and the fact that the large percentage of the Institute students were a part of academic organizations, the usefulness of the Institute would be enhanced if arrangements could be made whereby students taking the Institute course could receive undergraduate or graduate credit. This has been achieved in the relationship of the Institute to New York University. As you will see from the enclosed announcement, undergraduate students can receive two points for the three week course and graduate students three points for the three week course. May I hasten to add that any person, regardless of academic background can register for the Institute course.

Fortunately for the Institute, New York University operates on two three week periods, the first from July 5th to 24th, the second from July 25th to August 12th. This means that students may take courses in Sociology or Education for the first period and may transfer to the Institute course for the second period, which would give them the full number of points for summer school work.

Arrangements have been made for the Institute group to live together in the Broadway Central Hotel, 673 Broadway, which is just two and a half minutes walk from the University. Very reasonable accommodations can be provided ranging from $14 to $16 a week, including meals.

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You can well understand of what importance it is for the Institute group to be an outstandingly significant one this year. With this new arrangement of credit, we are confident that the Institute will make a particular appeal to persons working for their degrees, inasmuch as New York University credits are transferable to other institutions. We are therefore wondering if you are in touch with students - graduate or under-graduate, social workers, or other persons who might be interested in attending the 1938 Institute. We are sending you under separate cover announcements which we would be very happy to have you distribute. We will also be glad to register persons who are not interested in working for academic points.

We will be very glad to hear from you with regard to your reactions to this new plan for the Institute and if there are any persons to whom you would like us to write directly, we would be more than happy to have their names and addresses.

With cordial greetings to you, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Helen R. Bryan

Helen R. Bryan

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Arden Inn
Arden. Del.
Aug 2. 38

Dr. W. E. B. du Bois
N. Y. Co.
N. Y.

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My dear Dr. du Bois:

Do you remember our visits to Arden? We remember very vividly those pleasant occasions. In connection with a town fair we hold annually on the Saturday before Labor Day, we have a Book Shop. I am in charge of this, and ventured to hope that perhaps you would donate one of your books for that occasion, just for old times' sake. We shall appreciate it greatly if you will do so.

Most sincerely yours
Minnie Newcombe

September 21, 1938

My dear Mrs. Newcombe:

Your letter of August 2 found me in camp in Maine far from my books and unable to answer until I got back to my desk. I remember my visit to Arden very well and the pleasant occasion that it was. I am sorry that I could not contribute to your Labor Day sale, perhaps sometime in the future I shall be able to.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Minnie Newcombe
Arden Inn
Arden, Delaware

The Non-Partisan Progressive League

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17-1-39

October 3, 1938

Hon. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dubois:

May I first present personal greetings and regards from Mother and Dad?

The Non-Partisan Progressive League is an organization conceived by twenty men and women from throughout Ohio. They are people whose interest is in racial advancement rather than cheap politics. They wish to exercise their political rights and privileges so as to elect men because of complete, sound philosophy and ability to perform in accord with that philosophy and for measures because of what they may mean to society and to us individual members thereof.

I am enclosing a copy of the constitution so that you may know more about the organization and its protecting safeguards. We finance our efforts and are barred at law from accepting political contributions, or contributions from candidates.

We would like for you to address meetings of The Non-Partisan Progressive League in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio, on October 21, 22, and 23, or preferably October 28, 29, and 30. Please let me know at once if you can fill engagements on these dates, and the cost which will be entailed. Candidates are not invited or allowed to participate in our meetings. We ascertain candidates' records and on that basis endorse or disprove candidates without regard to party affiliation. All other things being equal the fact-finding committee probably would consider platforms; but in no cases do party names influence.

In the current campaign, though we have not announced our endorsements, Charles Sawyer and Robert J. Bulkley will doubtless be named as the Non-Partisan Progressive League's choice for governor and senator respectively. Men who, incidentally, are Republicans as well as Democrats will be given support.

I have not mentioned these things to influence your remarks because I imagine you will talk of government and citizenship on a larger, or perhaps, world scale. Rather, I want you to know that the organization's activities are well

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within the confines of a sound political philosophy or a philosophy of good citizenship.

Very truly yours,

Atty. B. F. Hughes,
President

Jesse G. Dickinson

Jesse G. Dickinson,
Executive Secretary

P. S. I would appreciate any comments you might have concerning this organization as pictured above.

Jesse

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THE NON-PARTISAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE

ARTICLE I. (NAME)

The name of this organization shall be "The Non-Partisan Progressive League".

ARTICLE II. (PURPOSE).

Itshall be the purpose of the Non-Partisan Progressive League to build in Ohio and elsewhere an effective organization to develop, protect, and preserve the rights of citizens through legitimate, independent progressive political action.

ARTICLE III. (MECHANICS).

SECTION 1. This organization will be developed as a League. The organizing nucleus will be composed of selected, independent progressives from the various and respective communities throughout the state or states. These men and women will return to their communities and in view of the purpose hereinbefore set forth, develop their local organizations. The locals will annually select their delegates to the League which shall meet semi-annually in Columbus, Ohio, unless otherwise designated by executive authority.

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SECTION 2. There shall be a board of trustees for the League and members of that board shall be elected as hereinafter set forth. The board of trustees shall in turn select its officers, which officers shall also serve as officers of the general organization.

ARTICLE IV. (OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES).

SECTION 1. (a) (League Officers) Officers of the League and its board of trustees shall be president; vice-president; secretary; assistant secretary; treasurer; and executive secretary, elected as hereinafter set forth.

(b) (Branch Officers) Branch officers shall be as follows: President; vice-president; secretary; treasurer, who shall with five additional people compose the local executive committee - tantamount to the board of trustees of the central body.

SECTION 2. (President). It shall be the duty of the president to perform the usual tasks assigned to that office including presiding at meetings of the League (or branch) and of the board of trustees (or executive committee) as well. He shall have executive authority between meetings of the board (or executive committee) subject to the approval thereof.

SECTION 3. (Vice-President). It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in the latter's absence or inability to perform, and in addition thereto shall serve as parlimentarian and chief advisor to the president.

SECTION 4. (Recording Secretary). It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep an accurate account of all records including minutes of board and League meetings (or of the branch and executive committee), complete membership roll, financial records, and correspondence.

SECTION 5. (Assistant Secretary). It shall be the duty of the assistant secretary to perform the duties of the secretary when the latter is absent or disabled, and to assist at other times in the manner which the secretary or board might determine.

SECTION 6. (Treasurer). It shall be the duty of the treasurer to be custodian of all funds of the organization, and in addition thereto, he shall keep an accurate account of all financial transactions.

SECTION 7. (Executive Secretary). (League only). The executive secretary shall serve as coordinator of branch work. He shall stimulate activity, organize new branches and recommend affiliation of branches throughout the state. He shall maintain close contact with the branches and supervise their activities to keep them in strict accord with the prin-

ciples we seek to espouse. Between meetings of the League, the branches may present recommendations to the executive secretary for presentation to the board of trustees. Expenses of necessary activities by the executive secretary shall be paid as may be determined by the board of trustees.

SECTION 8. The League shall be composed of two delegates from each organization with membership up to and including 50; three delegates from each branch with membership up to and including 100; and 1 additional delegate for each additional 100 members. These delegates shall be selected to serve for the period of 1 year and shall by resolution in annual meetings determine general policy of the League and select the members of the board of trustees. No delegate shall cast more than 1 vote.

ARTICLE V. (ELECTIONS).

(a) Branches will select their officers representatives to the League by popular vote at an annual election to be held the first week in December of each year. All branch officers serve terms of 1 year.

(b) The annual meeting of the League will be held during the month of January next succeeding and at that time the League will elect members of the board of trustees to succeed the 5 retiring members. A t the organization 15 members shall be elected; 5 to serve terms of 3 years; 5 to serve terms of 2 years; and 5 to serve terms of 1 year. All officers shall serve terms of at least, but not by way of limitation, 1 year and shall be subject to re-election or replacement by the League at the first annual meeting after 1 year has expired unless elected specifically to fill an unexpired term.

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At the first meeting of the board to be held within 10 days after the annual meeting of the League, officers shall be elected by the board to serve terms of 1 year and/or until their successors have been elected and duly qualified.

ARTICLE VI. (MEETINGS).

(a) Branches will hold meetings periodically as they may determine. Annual meetings for selecting delegates and local officers will be held during the first week in December of each year.

(b) The League will meet regularly twice each year unless otherwise determined by the board. The January meeting will be the annual meeting.

(c) The board of trustees will meet quarterly beginning in January of each year. Additional meetings of the board may be called by the president or by any 5 members of the board upon 5 days' written notice.

ARTICLE VII. (QUORUM).

(a) The number of members which must be present in order to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the branch or its executive committees must be decided by these respective bodies.

(b) SECTION 1. When proper legal notice of any meeting of the League has been given and 1/5 of the locals are represented at the time and place specified, a quorum may be said to be present.

SECTION 2. When as many as 5 members of the board of trustees are in attendance at any meeting of the board as a result of legal and proper notice, a quorum may be said to be present.

ARTICLE VIII. (CHARTER).

* SECTION 1. For a branch to be chartered by the League it must be liberal and progressive in political views and without obligation to any political party. It must contribute financially to the support of the League as may hereinafter be determined.

SECTION 2. Any person desiring to further the purpose for which we are organized may, by the payment of $1.00 annual fee, become a member of the League and of the respective branch with which he is affiliated.

* SECTION 3. (a) The League may suspend or cancel the membership of any member who is found to be guilty of gross misconduct, or who has violated the principles we seek to espouse. Such suspension or cancellation must be passed upon by a majority of the members of the board and notice given to suspended members.

(b) A branch may suspend also but when a branch has voted to suspend a member, such action is final pending appeal by the member to the central board of trustees.

ARTICLE IX. (FINANCES).

SECTION 1. All membership fees shall be divided equally between the branches and the central body, or League. No political contribution may be accepted either by locals or the League.

SECTION 2. Branches, or the League may adopt special means of raising funds as may be determined by those bodies respectively.

ARTICLE X. (REMOVAL FROM OFFICE). Officers of the League or of the various * branches may be removed for cause, after proper notice, by a vote of 2/3 of the total membership of the board of trustees. Branches may prefer charges by petition to the League board of trustees for the removal of its officers. In such case the petition must carry the signatures of no less than 3 members of that branch.

A RTICLE XI. (JURISDICTION, OR SCOPE OF AUTHORITY). All matters of policy * that are of state-wide significance must be decided by the League and adhered to by all its member branches. Local matters may be decided by the local branches so long as they are not in material conflict with the League's policy as established in the central body.

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ARTICLE XII. (COMMITTEES).

The Standing Committees shall be as follows:

1. Legislation: (check and draft bills)
2. Fact-Finding: (Candidates' records)
3. Legal Committee: (Law and Counsel)
4. Finance: (Fund Raising)
5. Audit and Control: (Budget)
6. Social Committee: (Special Entertainments)
7. Press and Publicity:
8. Speakers Bureau
9. The board of trustees shall serve as a committee of the whole for political and policy control.

ARTICLE XIII. (CHARTERS). Upon the formal application to the board of trustees, * a charter may be granted to any branch (limitation being one to each county) which has 10 paid members.

ARTICLE XIV. (RULES OF ORDER). Roberts Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended by the League either in regular or special session called for that purpose; 1/2 of the total delegates to the League must pass upon any proposed amendment.

SECTION 2. This constitution may also be amended by the board of trustees upon the affirmative vote of 3/4 of the total membership of the board.

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JESSE G DICKINSON..

[The Non-Partisan Progressive League]

October 11, 1938

17-1-42

My dear Mr. Dickinson:

I have your telegram of October tenth. I shall be prepared to lecture Friday night, October twenty-first; Saturday night, October twenty-second; and Sunday night, October twenty-third in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. As a subject I suggest "What is the Object of Voting?" I am enclosing a photograph. Let me know as soon as possible the exact hour and place of the Cincinnati meeting so I will know when to leave Atlanta. Please be sure to distinguish between eastern and central standard time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson
1474 East Long Street
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[The NON-PARTISAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE]

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DR W E B DUBOIS=

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HAVE HAD TO CANCEL CLEVELAND MEETING AT LAST MOMENT TWO MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED NOW EIGHT FIFTEEN SATURDAY OCTOBER TWENTY SECOND AT CINCINNATI STOWE SCHOOL AND THREE OCLOCK COLUMBUS SUNDAY WILL FORWARD HONORARIUM LATER TODAY DELAY UNAVOIDABLE=

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Non - Partisan Progressive League

PUBLIC MEETING

East High School Auditorium

October 23, 1938 3 P. M.

Musical Prelude:

-a- Mr. Laurence Watson - Tenor

-b- Miss Murphy - Contralto

Presiding:

Dr. A. S. Burton - of Newark, Ohio - Treasurer of N. P. P. League

Invocation ..... Rev. Jacob Ashburn

Remarks..... Att'y Benjamine F. Hughes of Columbus, Ohio - President of the Non - Partisan Progressive League

Presentation of Board of Trustees - N. P. P. League by.....
Dr. A. S. Burton, Chr.

Introduction of Speaker..... by Att'y Alexander H. Martin, Cleveland, O. - Vice Pres. of N. P. P. League

ADDRESS..... "What is the Object of Voting"
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Prof. of Sociology - Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

Announcement of Endorsements by the Non Partisan Progressive League

Offertory and Members

Benediction..... Rev. S. A. Brown, Cincinnati, O.

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[The Non-Partisan Progressive League]

November 4, 1938

17-1-44

My dear Mr. Dickinson:

I trust you have not forgotten the balance still due me for my lectures. I enjoyed the trip very much and appreciated the intelligent audiences.

My best regards to your mother and father.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Jesse G. Dickinson
1474 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

The Non-Partisan Progressive League

17-1-45

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November 8, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Please find the enclosed Post Office Money Order in the amount of fifty dollars ($50.00) to apply on the amount due you for your recent visit to Ohio. There is an additional amount due you - thirty-six dollars and eighty-one cents ($36.81). This includes a balance of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) on your honorarium, plus eleven dollars and eighty-one cents ($11.81) for travel expenses paid by you.

I am sorry of this delay and I trust that you will bear with me for a week or ten days for the unpaid balance.

Enclosed you will also find clippings from some local dailies and weeklies concerning your visit. We are very much pleased at your lecture and we appreciate your coming to us.

Very truly,

Jesse G. Dickinson

Jesse G. Dickinson

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[The Non-Partisan Progressive League]

JESSE G. DICKINSON
1474 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio

December 7, 1935

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Lectures

94-1-71

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter of Nov. 25th in which you make inquiry relative the balance of $36.11 due you for your most recent engagement in Cincinnati Ohio. As yet I have been unable to forward you this amount as I had hoped; but I do expect to very shortly. I have not forgotten and will send the balance as soon as possible.

You have been more than fair, however. Had I foreseen the obstacles which we have met I would not have made the arrangements, or rather I would have advised you that there would be a delay. I think our previous dealings will bear this out.

Otherwise, I have not regrets concerning our efforts. We have been very successful in our purpose and audiences there. Your addresses were very good and we appreciate them.

Very truly, Jesse G. Dickinson

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce

the death of

Doretta Cal Norman

on June 27 at 6th P.M.

Services will be held

Thursday Morning at 10 A.M

from Calvary Presbyterian Church

Cor. Castleton and Bement Ave.

Burs Nr 3 at St. George Ferry.

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ST. JOHN'S FUNERAL HOME
1902 Richmond Terrace
Port Richmond, S. I.
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12-13-27

October 13, 1938

My dear Dora:

I want at this late date to share with you your great grief over the death of your daughter. The notice of it did not reach me until long after the funeral and then for a while I thought it was you and did not get that mistake corrected until it was too late to call or get in touch with you personally. I am so sorry for you but hope that you have taken it with the right philosophy. Death has its beautiful aspects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Dora Cole Norman
c/o Rosamond Johnson
154 West 131st Street
New York City

November 23, 1938

My dear Dr. Shephard:

I can speak at Durham in January. I have open now January twenty-third and twenty-fourth and possibly I could move it on until later in the week. My charge is fifty dollars out of which I pay my own expenses. I should be glad to know if you have an opening.

Very sincerely yours,

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

12-13-52

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 25, 1938

12-13-53

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter. I am wondering if you could not come to us later than January. We are very crowded during that month and have several attractions. Any other time would be more convenient for us.

Hoping you are quite well, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

April 8 or 7

December 1, 1938

My dear Dr. Shepard:

I can speak for you in April. I should rather make it Saturday, April eighth, but by missing a few classes I could make it Friday, April seventh. Will that suit you? Your Grand Marnier has made a great hit in this neck of the woods.

Very sincerely yours,

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

17-13-54

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

12-14-55

December 8, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter. April 7th would be better than April 8th. If you would prefer Sunday, April 9th, it would be satisfactory. Anyway, we will look for you in April.

I will get in a supply before you come this way. Am glad you enjoyed it.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. DuBois, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

December 12, 1938

My dear President Shepard:

I shall be glad to speak at your school April seventh.

Very sincerely yours,

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

12-14-38

[North Georgia Review]

January 4, 1938

15-31-41

My dear Miss Smith:

I have your letter of December 22, and I shall try to get a review of Dollard to you by the fifteenth.

I can follow with deep understanding your desires for the North Georgia Review. I had the same ambitions for a periodical over the space of a quarter of a century. I saw the thing planted, struggle, grow to astonishing dimensions and then decline. The fundamental difficulty with any periodical in the United States is the surprisingly small number of intelligent people who are willing to take time to read and think. Even these who have sufficient intelligence are not willing to pay for thought. In England people pay five, ten and fifteen dollars a year for review simply printed without adornment but with a high standard of literary skill and real and penetrating thought. In the United States people simply will not do this. They demand that the magazine live principally by advertisements and therein, of course, lies death. I think perhaps that the policy of the Survey is the one which intellectuals will have to follow: securing a body of associates whose voluntary contributions support the magazine and then go on and do the work. I should have done this with the Crisis and would have succeeded but the Association with which the Crisis was tied up was itself making continual appeal to the charitable and it was impossible to make a separate appeal for the Crisis that would not confuse the issues. There are in the United States sufficient people of intelligence to support an Atlantic Monthly and a North Georgia Review but it is a hard thing to find them and to support your enterprise while you are searching them out. I should avoid expanding the physical size of the magazine as long as possible for two reasons: the increased cost and the fact that people are appalled by a large magazine with its various appeals. We were most successful with the Crisis when a person could sit down and read it through at a sitting. I think it better to omit a good many things, select the cream and put that before the Lord's anointed rather than to cast any large variety of pearls before swine.

I hope that if you are in Atlanta you will come out to the University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Lillian E. Smith
North Georgia Review
Clayton, Georgia

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-2-1

I have never heard directly from Yale University Press as to whether they have sent Coats and Clans to you. If you have not received it please let me know so I can get a copy to you at once. If you have received the book, your silence will reassure me.

Sincerely
Lillian G. Smith

Clayton Ga.
North Ga. Review.

January 10, 1938

My dear Miss Smith:

The book "Caste and Class" has been received and I am reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

17-2-2

Miss Lillian E. Smith
North Georgia Review
Clayton, Georgia

[NORWOOD]

$2.50 Banquet

SPELMAN COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Feb. 8, 1938.

My dear Mr. Reid,

Thank you for your kind and helpful explanatory letter regarding the Testimonial for Dr. DuBois's birthday. My delay in replying to the committee has been due mainly to my indecision as to just what I wished most to do. Since your letter came I have decided to come to the banquet. I enclose my check for $2.50

12-17-56

in payment for a ticket.

With best wishes for the success of your undertaking, I am

Yours sincerely,
Fulla F. Norwood

2 Federal Street
Akron, Ohio
February 21, 1938

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois
Atlanta University.
Atlanta Georgia.

Request for information 1938

My dear Dr. Dubois:

I am writing a research paper on Reconstruction at the University of Akron. In your work Black Reconstruction in America, which I have found most helpful, you referred to the Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of South Carolina-1868.

I would appreciate it very much if you will inform me where the proceeding of that convention can be obtained.

Very truly yours,
Charles L. Dunn

17-6-88

March 5, 1938

17-16-10

My dear Mr. Nunn:

In answer to your letter of February 21, Dr. Du Bois wishes to suggest that you try the State Library at Columbia, South Carolina.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Charles L. Nunn
2 Federal Street
Akron, Ohio

17-5-33

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

December 2, 1938

Books

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of November 29. I was very glad to hear from you.

My two little books about which you asked have not been handed to an American publisher yet, but the titles are Bisoro Stories, Book I and Book II, published by Basil Blackwell, 49 Broad Street, Oxford, England. You will be glad to know that these books are used in English schools, of course, for children. The other book, I do not know if you have it, "The Story of an African Chief, published by Scribner, 597 Fifth Avenue, New York. Of course, this book has been translated in the German, also into the Japanese. I understand that in Germany it is a very popular book. Every person who has hopes of taking part in the colonial government when Germany gets her colonies back, is reading the book so that it makes the book more popular for those reasons.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

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Prince Nyabongo

PN:B

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J. E. WIRKLER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Request for information

January 20, 1938

17-16-102

Dr. W.E.Burghardt Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

My attention has been called to a sketch of the life of Edward James Roye, printed in Vol. XVI of the Dictionary of American Biography, which contains the following sentences:

> "On the death of his mother in 1840, he began to consider the possibility of emigrating to some foreign country in order to escape American prejudice. He first chose Haiti and began to study French at Oberlin, but he finally changed his mind and went to Liberia."

It is my understanding that you prepared the material for this sketch. I wonder if you can tell us the source of your information that he was an Oberlin student. A careful search through the records of the 1840's has failed to show that his name was ever listed with the students of that period. We know that the early student lists were often incomplete and we are attempting to correct them as further evidence is presented. If Edward Roye was a student in Oberlin we are therefore very anxious to establish this fact. I would like particularly to learn the date of his enrolment, the length of time he was here, the department in which he was enrolled, and his home address at the time.

Any help that you can give us will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

George M. Jones
Secretary.

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17-1-83

January 20, 1938

My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is making a lecture trip in the middlewest during the month of February. He could speak at Oberlin February 14 or February 17. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Director, Lecture Bureau
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

[Oberlin College]

January 25, 1938

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My dear Mr. Jones:

Answering your letter of January 20, I beg to say that I looked up Mr. Roye's career in several places but am not able, at present, to confirm the statement that Roye attended Oberlin. I am sure that I must have gotten the fact from some reasonably authentic source but I do not now know where. I will look further and if I find it I will let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George M. Jones
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

924 North Water Street
Wichita, Kansas
March 11, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois

17-16-3

I am writing biographies of five outstanding Negro educators for my Master's Degree. Your biography is included in this group.

I noticed in the paper at a recent celebration in your honor, you made an address and gave a résumé of your life. If this address is in printed form would you kindly do me the favor of telling me how I can get one copy?

I would like to include in your biographical study the difference between the

"W.E.B. Du Bois School of Thought" and the Booker T. Washington School of Thought." I would, also, like to include an account of your controversy with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Thanking you in advance for any information which you will give me, I am

Yours very respectfully,
Dorothy P. Odell

12-16-41

12-4-5-21

March 17, 1938

My dear Madam:

The recent partial biography used here on the celebration of my birthday was only for private circulation. You will find the main facts of my life in the first chapter of my book "Darkwater" and in "Who's Who in America".

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Dorothy P. Odell
924 North Water Street
Wichita, Kansas

[Open Forum]

201½ North Belknap St.,
Mexia, Texas,
January 7, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Request for photograph

17-3-29

Dear Sir:

I should like to have your cut on a mat and an article containing facts about your birth, education, travels, activities and accomplishments for publication in the "Open Forum."

The Open Forum is a Negro weekly published in Mexia, Texas with a circulation of 2000 throughout the state.

I am enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience. I am also enclosing stamps with which to mail your cut or mat.

Very truly yours,
J. A. Chatman
Business Manager

E. H. C.

[Open Forum]

January 10, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have no mat or cut of myself but I am sending herewith a photograph. Data concerning my life can be found in "Who's Who in America" and also in the first chapter of my book "Darkwater".

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. J. A. Chatman
201½ North Bellnap Street
Mexia, Texas

[I Or. N Forum]

January 20, 1938

16-9-18

My dear Miss Smith:

I have open the date of Monday, February 14, when I might speak in Dayton if that date has not been taken. To save time I am writing them directly but I will give you credit for any engagement that may get.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Little Building, Room 1242
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

July 15, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

copy to write

17-10-52

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Civic Forum in Akron, Ohio, is beginning to plan its program for 1938-39 and has asked us to send information as to your availability and terms. I believe they can meet on almost any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night, October through March, and as their budget is somewhat limited, they would like to have you offer dates when you are in the general vicinity if possible.

Their committee meets on Tuesday, July 19. If at all possible I shall be glad to have word from you by that date. Otherwise we shall have to wait for a second committee meeting before knowing their final decision.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MS:W

When are you to be in Midwest + around NYC or Boston next season?

September 21, 1938

My dear Miss Smith:

I regret to say that your letter of July 15 found me on vacation and has been unanswered. I can speak in the middlewest during the two weeks of February twelfth to February twenty-fifth. I shall probably have an engagement in Detroit during this time so that I could make them a charge of fifty dollars in addition to your fee which would be about sixty-five dollars. Most of my lectures during this time will be in the middlewest. I have no plans for visiting Boston.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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BOSTON, MASS.

September 26, 1938.

Lectures - finding

17-10-54

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am sorry that your reply to our letter of July 15 about Akron comes so late that they have finally had to make other plans and are to have Dr. Mordecai Johnson present the race problem this year. However, I will keep you in mind for other engagements out that way.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

November 23, 1938

17-10-55

My dear Miss Smith:

I have engagements to speak in Chicago, February twelfth in the morning at the University of Chicago and at night at Orchestra Hall for the Chicago Sunday Evening Club; also in Springfield, Ohio, February thirteenth; and Detroit, February nineteenth. If you know of any engagements that would fit in with these dates, I should be glad to know of them.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Little Building, Room 1242
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Irvington

12 East 97th Street
New York

17-8-124

Inclosed check for
Dr Bio Birthday fund —
Best wishes for the
day and celebration.
Mary W. Ormiston.

12 East 97th Street
New York

March 11, 1938

15-31-55

Dear Dr Du Bois,

I have been reading your "Seven Decades" and am writing to ask if you will send it to the Gt Barrington library if you have not already done so. They bought, of their own initiative, your "Black Reconstruction, though they apparantly spend less than a hundred dollars every year for books; and I think they ought to have this account of your life, particularly as it is interesting reading to any one.

I wish I had any hope that a minority group can achievement its economic place in a nation against the wish of the majority but since the Nazis attitude to the German Jews, exiling Einstein, my only hope is in Communissm.

I am glad if you are a Rabbi Ben Ezra in your old age, old, counting the years only. Not so with me. I am just beginning to understadd a little how to live, I want more time.
"The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne."

Yours,

Mary White Ovington

15-31-53

March 21, 1938

My dear Miss Ovingston:

I thank you for your letter of March 7, and I have sent a copy of the "Seven Decades" to the Great Barrington Library.

A minority group can and must achieve an economic place as the price of its survival and this achievement may not necessarily be against the wish of the majority. Indeed the majority in numbers of cases will help it on with the cynical confidence that it will fail.

Communism is the hope of us all but not the dogmatic Marxian program with war and murder in the forefront. Economic communism by the path of peace is possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary White Ovington
12 East 97th Street
New York City

305 West 150th. St.
New York, N. Y.
Sept. 28, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

My Advisor, Dr. H. S. Commager of New York Univ. suggested that I write you and find out if you think there is enough source material available for me to use the subject "Union League" as my doctor's dissertation.

I am about to complete my residential requirements and would like to begin work on my thesis very soon. If, in the event you dont think there is enough material or even if there is and you think that there are more worthwhile subjects will you kindly suggest them to me.

Dr. Commager taught a reconstruction course and among the books used, your book "Black Reconstruction" was one of the most important. It called forth quite an argument in class, especially the last chapter.

In comparing some of the facts in your book with Dunning's "Social And Political Reconstruction," Dr. Commager, who highly praised your book and you, was forced to admit that you had given your facts correctly.

An early reply shall be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Susie L. Owens

(Miss) Susie L. Owens

October 6, 1938

17-16-38

My dear Miss Owens:

I think that a good deal of material may be found on the Union League. Of course the larger part of it will probably refer to those surviving organizations of New York and Philadelphia which have become exclusive social movements but on the other hand this very fact ought to open up a considerable field for the study of the Union League movement in the South. I appreciate your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Susie L. Owens
305 West 150 Street, Apartment 7-11
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January 10, 1938.

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Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Logan:-

~~I~~ am in receipt of your letter of January 4th, regarding a testimonial for Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, and I enclose you herewith my check for $5.00 for my wife and myself.

Very truly yours,

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October 25, 1938.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are having here at Paine College our fifth annual Institute on Socio-Religious Affairs Friday night, November 25th. through Sunday noon, November 27th. The Theme for this year is to be The Christian Facing Political Action. During part of the Institute the students attending will be divided between the following discussion groups:

1. Political Action in the World.
2. Political Action in the Nation.
3. Political Action in the State.
4. Political Action in the Church.
5. Political Action and the College.

When the committee met October 23rd. to complete plans for the Institute they asked that you be invited to act as adult resource leader for group one on Political Action in the World.

We have no way to finance the Institute except what Paine College is able to put into it. This means that we are not able to offer to pay the leaders for coming. However we can pay your expenses down from Atlanta and back and offer you intertainment while you are here. This we will be delighted to do if you find it possible to come.

The students who attend the conference come from a number of schools, both Negro and white, over Georgia. We had about fifty visitors last year and are expecting even more this year.

I am inclosing a report of the Institute of last year which I think will give you some idea of the type of work which we are trying to do.

We are all hoping that you will find it possible to be with us at the Institute and to serve as adult resource leader for group one.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Berry.
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October 27, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Miss Evelyn Berry, a member of our staff here and chairman of the committee on our Thanksgiving Conference, informs me that she has written you inviting you to participate in this conference. May I add my personal and official word of invitation also the very earnest hope that you can be with us for at least Saturday, November 26.

The conference this year will be the sixth of such meetings held here at the Thanksgiving season. The nature of the subjects considered as well as the personnel of the conferences make them, I believe, most helpful and enjoyable. Paine College is assisted in the sponsorship and planning of these conferences by some of the members of the staff and many of the students of Emory University. These conferences, therefore, are inter-racial in character.

The subject for discussion this year, FACING THE POLITICAL SITUATION AS CHRISTIANS, is one that challenges the attention of students and student leaders. Two years ago the conference considered the question of farm tenancy; last year, the question of industry was considered.

We have every reason to believe that Mr. Norman Thomas will be one of the leaders of the conference this year, also Judge O. A. Park of Macon. We have had some difficulty this year in securing Negro leaders comparable to white leaders. One difficulty in this connection is that one of these leaders has found it impossible to attend. These leaders serve as resource persons for various groups in the conference. The purpose of the conference is to interest, to some extent inform, but even to a greater degree challenge these students to certain duties in connection with these religious and economic questions. As a student conference the financial means for conducting the meeting are not very great. The various leaders donate their services; Paine College takes care of their travel expenses and provides entertainment during the conference. If your many duties and your physical health would permit you to be with us for at least Saturday, November 26, I am confident that your presence and help would add greatly to the success of the conference. May I express my own personal wish that you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Peters

ECP:G

November 1, 1938

My dear President Peters:

I should be glad to act as resource leader for the subject "Political Action in the World" in your sixth annual institute. I think I could be there in time for a meeting Saturday, November twenty-six.

Very sincerely yours,

President E. C. Peters
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

17-1-30

November 1, 1938

My dear Madam:

I think I can attend your sixth annual Institute and act as resource leader for the group on "Political Action in the World". I shall try to arrive sometime Friday night and be available for the meeting Saturday, November twenty-six.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Evelyn Berry
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

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E. C. PETERS, PRESIDENT

November 3, 1938.

17-1-31

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am just in receipt of your very kind letter of November 1. I am delighted to know that you will find it possible to be with us for our sixth annual institute on Socio-Religious Affairs and serve as resource leader for the subject POLITICAL ACTION IN THE WORLD. I shall look forward with much anticipation to your coming.

Very sincerely yours,

E C Peters

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17-1-32

November 11, 1938.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are delighted that you are going to be with us for our Institute November 25th. through November 27th.

Inclosed you will find a brief suggested outline for the discussion in all five of the discussion groups. Your group is number five.

If it is possible we should like very much to have you plan to give an address to the whole group on some phase of your discussion on world politics. This address could be any where from thirty minutes to one hour and thirty minutes in length. You could use any phase of the international situation which you felt would be most timely. This address would be given in a meeting of the whole Institute after the banquet on Saturday night. We had planned on having Norman Thomas with us but due to illness of his wife he cannot leave New York just now, and this makes it necessary for us to divide his work among the leaders that will be present. If you can do this for us it will be a real service for the whole Institute.

We remembered your excellent address here as a lycium number last year and felt that you would be able to do something which would be very helpful to the students attending.

Mrs. Norma Horton has asked for the privilege of entertaining you while you are in town.

We are looking forward to having you with us and hope you feel that you can do this address on Saturday night for us. Will you, please, let me know just as soon as possible?

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Berry.
Evelyn Berry.

[Enclosure]

Discussion Group Outlines for Facing Political Action as Christians.

Group I. Political Action in the World.

1. Contrast between Democratic and Totalitarian Sates.
   a. What are the major differences between the Democratic and Totalitarian states?
2. International Organizations.
   a. What are the existing international organizations?
   b. What is their value in preventing a crisis?
   c. How can they help after the crisis is here?
3. Pacificism.
   a. Is neutrality the best policy for the United States in seeking to promote peace?
   b. What is the individual's responsibility for peace?
   c. What are the existing organizations through which the individual may work for world peace?
   d. What is value of absolute non-violence?

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Group II. Political Action in the Nation.

1. Facing present practices in national politics.
   a. What are the present practices?
   b. Which of these should be changed?
2. Facing Christian responsibility as citizens of the nation.
   a. Whatn are our responsibilities as voters?
   b. How can we influence public openion?
   c. Should we be willing to run for office?
3. Facing the problem of disfranchisement.
   a. What are the bases of disfranchisement?
   b. How does disfranchisement effect national politics?
4. Facing possible conflicts of loyalties.
   a. What can be done about conflicts between personal and party ideals and standards?

Group IVI. Political Action in the State. (Georgia.)

1. Facing present practices in state politics.
   a. What are the present practices?
   b. Which of these shpuld be changed?
2. Facing Christian responsibility as citizens of the state.
   a. What are our responsibilities as a voter?
   b. How can we influence public openion?
   c. Should we be willing to run for office?
3. Facing the problem of disfranchisement in Georgia.
   a. What is the bases of this disfranchisement?
   b. What are some of the results of this disfranchisement?
4. Facing possible conflicts in loyalty.
   a. What can be done about conflicts between personal and party ideals and standards?

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Group IV. The Church and Political Action.

1. Political responsibility of the membership within the church.
   a. What is the present actual situation within your own local church?
   b. What is the political situation within the church at large?
   c. How can the government of the local churches and the connectional organization be improved?
2. The church's relationship to society at large.
   a. What is involved in social salvation?
   b. What place, if any, does the church have in the salvation of the body politic?
   c. What should be the attitude and practices of the individual church member in regard to politics in civil governemnt?
   d. What should be his attitude and practice with regard to the church as a functioning body?

Group V. The School and Political Action.

1. The meaning of citizenship.
   a. What are the main functions of government?
   b. What are the traits of a good citizen?
2. The relationship of the school to citizenship.
   a. What does the school do to develop good citizens?
   b. What are some of the present political practices of students in their organizations and student governemnt?
   c. What should the school do to develop good citizens:
      1. In its instructional activities;
      2. In its extra-curricular activities?
3. The student's part in political action.
   a. How can the student, while still in college, influence local, state, and national politics?
   b. Are student pressure groups effective?

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Fifth Annual
INSTITUTE ON SOCIO - RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Paine College - Augusta, Georgia
November 25, 26, 27, 1938

General Theme: FACING POLITICAL ACTION AS CHRISTIANS

Friday, November 25

5:00-6:00 P M Registration
6:00 P M Dinner
7:00-8:00 P M Registration
8:00-9:00 P M General Meeting - Haygood Hall
9:00-9:30 P M Meeting of Discussion Groups for organization
1. Political Action in the World
2. Political Action in the Nation
3. Political Action in the State
4. The Church and Political Action
5. The School and Political Action
9:30-10:00P M Conference of Student and Adult leaders - Tea in Mary Holm Hall for remainder of Conference

Saturday, November 26

8:30-9:00 A M Worship Service
9:00-10:30A M Meeting of Discussion Groups
10:30-10:45A M Free Period
10:45-12:00A M Meeting of Discussion Groups
12:15 P M Lunch
1:30-3:00 P M Panel Discussion
4:00- P M Tea at Bethlehem House (Sponsored by the BethlehemHouse Young People's Advisory Board)
6:00 P M Banquet in Paine College Dining Hall
8:00 P M General Meeting in Haygood Hall - Address by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Sunday, November 27

9:00-10:30A M Student Expression Meeting
11:00 A M Service in Haygood Hall - Sermon by Mr. A. J. Walton
1:00 P M Dinner

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HELD AT PAINE COLLEGE—AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 26-28, 1937

Nov. 26 - Opening Session - 8:00 P. M.

The opening session of the conference was held Friday evening, November 26. After registration, the conference opened with Mr. Cleo McCoy presiding. He conducted a brief worship service, after which he gave the history of the Institute and stated its purpose. Group leaders were called upon to give an outline of what their groups would discuss. The meeting then divided into groups which organized and made preparations for the next day's sessions.

The Home Economics Club entertained the conference at a tea from nine until ten o'clock.

Nov. 27 - Group Discussions - 8:12 A. M.

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1. Labor and Organization
   Student Leader—Mr. Charles Lawrence
   Adult Advisor—Mr. Claud Nelson
   Resource Person—Miss Lucy Randolph Mason

At the outset the group defined the following terms: workers, union, strike, lock out, and collective bargaining. It then proceeded to discuss the questions of (a) Why should workers organize? (b) Are unions ethical? (c) Who should organize? (d) How should we organize? The group agreed upon certain fundamental answers as follows: Workers should organize to protect themselves from unskilled labor and to protect their interests through collective bargaining. They organize, not against the employer as a unit in the economic system, but against unfair practices; not to bring about conflict between employer and employee, but to promote closer cooperation between the two. Unions are good ethically and usually proceed along helpful lines but the members are humans and sometimes err. It is the religious duty of workers to join their organization and to remove any evil aspect it may have. It is also the religious duty of white collar workers to inform themselves about their professions and to use all their influence to prevent violence. Every worker should organize; not only those in industry, but also Federal employees, teachers, domestic workers and farm laborers. By so doing they will not only protect themselves, but will also raise the standards of their professions and the efficiency of their labor. We should organize with the help of an outside official as an employee could not afford to face the risk of being fired. We should organize at any time, but especially when business is good, for then the employer offers less resistance, and the worker is less likely to be dismissed. We may organize along either craft or industrial lines; but, in this age of mass production, industrial organization is usually most effective.

2. Labor and the Church
   Student Leader—Mr. James Webb
   Resource Leader—Mr. R. A. Schermerhorn

This group proposed the following questions: (a) What are the common interests of labor and the church? To what extent are the church and labor meeting on these grounds? What can the church do to better its

relations with labor? After much discussion, the group reached the following conclusions: Both labor and the church are vitally interested in the preservation and uplift of human life, in the bringing of justice and brotherhood, and in raising both the material and the religious standards of living. The church in its Social Creed has stated high ideals, but in actual practice it has failed to function. Church members can help the situation by realizing their own responsibilities and by Christianizing their own attitudes, by allowing labor groups to meet in churches, by taking a definite stand on labor questions and letting this stand be known, by settling labor disputes peacefully whenever possible and by organizing a committee to carry on an educational program in the church.

C. Labor and Race:
Student Leader--Mr. Earl D. C. Brewer
Adult Advisor--Mr. William L. Graham

This group began with a discussion of labor problems as they affected all racial minorities in the United States, and then moved to a consideration of the Negro problem in particular. Much time was spent in giving information and in tracing the history of the labor movement since the Civil War. The following subjects were discussed at length: (a) The attitude of the American Federation of Labor toward the Negro (b) The benefit which Negroes might derive from unions (c) The attitude of the present Administration toward labor(d) The reasons why labor problems are more acute now than previously (e) The differentials in wages of white and Negro workers who are doing the same type of work. The group did not attempt to reach any agreement but left each individual to arrive at his own conclusions.

D. Labor and International Relations:
Student Leader--Mr. Charles Copher
Adult Advisor--Mr. Emmett Johnson
Resource Person--Mr. Kirby Page

At the outset information was given on the world situation. Miss A. E. Bradshaw (missionary to China but loaned to Paine College for this school year because war conditions make it impossible for her to return to China) told of the terrible exploitation of human beings, especially women and children, in China. Mr. Page reviewed the situation in Europe, showing how the nations might be classified as those who have and those who have not and how those who have not, if powerful enough, will go to war in an attempt to get more natural resources. High tariffs form economic barriers which lower the standard of living for all people. The effects of war on labor are most disastrous. Included in these disasters are (a) destruction of world markets (b) the creation of non-productive materials such as armaments (c) the destruction of human life and property. The present world economic system was appraised on the basis of the religion of Jesus. The latter is founded on a sublime regard for human personality. A just economic system should provide equitable standards of living for all men. Agencies at work in bringing this about are (a) reciprocal trade acts (b) the World Court (c) the League of Nations (d) and the Bank for International

Settlements. College students may help matters by attending labor union meetings, by studying through facilities offered by the colleges the economic conditions in their respective communities, by squarely facing domestic problems in our homes, and by inviting labor leaders to be resource persons in student discussions.

E. Organized Labor and the Community:
Student Leader--Mr. James Walker
Adult Advisor--Mr. Fred Lynn Steely
Resource Person--Mr. Brazeale of Morehouse College.

To begin with the following questions were raised: (a) How can labor unions increase one's sense of social responsibility (b) How can all the people in the community cooperate in an intelligent labor movement? The following principles were agreed upon: (a) Each person who is employed in a community must realize that regardless of what his income or social status is, he is a laborer. Each person must cooperate in getting labor to act as a unit (b) Non-union persons should organize in order to strengthen the labor movement in their community (c) Professional employees--teachers, clerks, etc., who can subsist without being directly affected by the labor problem, should concern themselves about the labor situation in their community (d) The organization of labor-study-groups by union workers for non-union persons will tend to increase the community's sense of social responsibility.

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Nov. 27 - Public Meeting - 7:45 P. M.
Address: Can You Mix Religion and Business - Mr. Kirby Page.

Mr. Page began his talk with the affirmation that the religious way of life is the only practical way to carry on business. He then proved this by stating that most all economists regardless of their political views or their shade of conversation agree that, for economic development the country needs three things, namely: (a) greater equality of purchasing power (b) greater security and more stability (c) more cooperation and less conflict. The demands of the Christian religion parallel these needs. They are: (a) that there be no great gulf between the rich and the poor (b) that mutuality dominate the relations of people so that each is concerned equally about his own welfare and the welfare of others and (c) that there be cooperation, no fighting, among the members of the kingdom. Hence, the Christian religion would grant the three great economic needs of today and the religious way of life is the most practical way.

Since this is true, how can religious people set about making these economic changes? First, we must have a new property system--one in which there is more private property for the money and less private property concentrated in the hands of the few. Second, we must bring about this change by non-violence methods. Some people favor revolution, the violent seizure of property, but this could only end in a massacre of the laborers, and such methods should not be used by Christians. But, we can exert pressure without getting into war. We can change people's minds through education. We can change people's attitudes through religious teachings; and we can organize the social implements of pressure. These social implements

are (a) consumer organizations (b) voters organizations, and (c) workers organizations. By these methods Christians can bring about economic changes and show that the religious way of life is the only practical way to carry on business.

Nov. 28 Individual Expression Meeting 10:30 A. M.
Mr. Earl D. C. Brewer, Emory University, Presiding

Mr. Brewer opened the meeting by saying that it would be similar to an old fashioned Methodist Class Meeting. In such meetings those who had reponted or who had seen new light, told the others about it and expressed a determination to live better. He stated that the conference had brought to him a realization of the ignorance of the average person on labor problems also the need for information. He said that he would do more about informing himself and others. Other members of the conference expressed themselves as follows:

Mr. Charles Lawrence, Atlanta University wondered if students would be willing to pay the price of trying to raise a class instead of getting out of it, and the price of using non violent methods.

Mr. Liscrish, Gammon Seminary had faith that racial injustice could be eradicated if we are willing to do our part. We must make up our minds to be free. The ideal of brotherhood is full of meaning to many of us.

Mr. Gracy, Gammon Seminary, also has faith in the ideal of brotherhood but feels that it must be applied to economic problems.

Mr. Rhetta, Morehouse College felt that there should be a closer connection between races, more opportunities for contacts such as this conference affords. People need to be honest and free with each other.

Mr. Claud Nelson, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Southern Office, brotherhood amounts to little when it is limited to hand shaking, but it furnishes the impulse to action and conferences like these often provide the inspiration for breaking down economic barriers.

Dr. Weatherford, Human changes do not come rapidly. We should not be discouraged. Looking back over thirty years of work I am convinced that we have come a thousand miles in our emotional attitude about race.

Miss McPherson, Wesleyan College--This was my first experience in interracial meetings. I feel that I have received a foundation for work along both labor and racial lines and I am determined to do something about it.

Mr. Lambdin, Emory University--This conference has provided more light. The love of God moves us forward, and we are going toward the Kingdom.

Mr. Graham, Paine College--Paine tries to solve racial problems by doing together all the things, big and little, that need to be done. Talking is good, also decisions to act, but the real thing is to actually do things together.

Miss Lucy Randolph Mason--Every group we work in makes us and we make it. This is called circular response. Our salvation lies in growing, each year having new ideas and doing new things. This conference has provided new ideas. Changes will surely come.

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Mr. Mead, Brevard--I was brought up in a town where racial relations was complete and prejudice strong. I have had to fight tradition in my family and neighborhood, but I am determined to continue.

Mr. Nattingham; Emory University--The conference meant much to me in my personal relationships. I renewed old friendships and made new ones. I had conversations which broadened my ideas and increased my tolerance.

Mr. Harris, Paine College--I was brought up to believe that one should have as few contacts as possible with white people, and when these contacts were unavoidable to outdo the white people. My life at Paine has changed this idea. The constant discrimination against Negroes on the streets is discouraging, but I have faith that these students will succeed in making things better.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Secretary North Georgia Conference Woman's Missionary Society--I work much with older people and meet many discouragements, but there are hopeful signs. Progress is being made in Georgia and the South.

Two young ladies from Spelman College--admitted that they had had few inter-racial contacts and knew little about labor but stated that the conference had broadened their minds.

Nov. 28 -- Morning Sermon by Mr. Kirby Page -- 11:00 A. M.

Mr. Page began with the question "How, in the midst of so much misery and pain, can one believe in God" and answered with another question, "How can one help but believe in a just and loving God?" If we had peace and prosperity now, after one hundred years of covetousness and greed, then it would be difficult to believe in a just God. If there is a God, he must have integrity and be dependable; and a dependable universe is one where we reap what we sow. A universe sustained by an intelligent God is one where we reap what we sow.

In the past hundred years, two ideas have been sown and are still being broadcast today. They are (a) a man is entitled to all the money he can get, and (b) in getting it he must engage in a competition struggle with others also bent on getting all they can. The sowing of these seeds began under circumstances most favorable to them; when there was free land, free resources, and a source of population. Their real significance is just beginning to dawn on us; now we see them bearing fruit. When the competitive struggle is carried into our mass industries, it affects millions and becomes a life and death battle on a vast scale. Now, when science has given us such diabolical weapons of destruction, such a struggle must lead to suicide. Moreover, if these two ideas are valid for individuals and corporations, they will be accepted by nations; and the world will be headed for a catastrophe.

What can we do about it?--Three things. (a) We must repent. The only mood which will fit us to do things is one of deep anguish because of our previous sowing. We should cry out, Lord, be merciful

to us, a generation of sinners. (b) We can cease to sow the old seeds and begin to sow new ones. The idea that a man is entitled to all he can get is clearly unchristian. We are warned to take heed of covetousness and that the love of money is the root of all evil. We must spread the idea that a man is entitled to a brother's share and that he gets this share, not through competition, but through cooperation. We are the children of our Father's house and are entitled only to whatever is accessible to the whole family. It is not enough to have the right temper nor to sow the right seed. (c) We must also have the right social structure. It is foolish to say that the system will be all right if the heart is right. Both feudalism and slavery prove this. We must change the structure of our competitive system. This is the most stupendous task that any generation ever faced, but we dare not turn away from it. If we do, we are doomed. The competitive struggle will destroy the very foundations of society.

In such an hour as this, man can and must believe in God. The very misery around us is a validation of God. This is God's universe. He gives us freedom of choice. If we sow redemptive seed, we will get a harvest of salvation. Hence, we face the problem, not in despair, but in hope. This is God's universe. We can depend on God, and therefore, we move forward.

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January 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Park:

I have been waiting to hear from you with some interest and do not know whether you have returned from South America. We have been making considerable progress in the matter of the Encyclopaedia. Dr. Stokes and I have consulted with representatives of the Carnegie Fund and the General Education Board and their reaction seemed to be favorable. We are hoping to get a decision sometime within the next two months. In the meantime I have kept up correspondence with various anthropologists throughout the world. I have proceeded in collaboration with Mr. Logan to perfect our list of possible subjects and have talked with some young scholars like Allison Davis, the anthropologist, concerning future cooperation. I have especially pursued my own work with regard to Africa and am preparing for Henry Holt and Company a book which was intended to be a second edition of my little treatise on the Negro but will be a large and entirely rewritten book. I hope to have it published next fall.

I sent you September 22, 1937, a check for $125 which was your honorarium for six months but it has not yet been passed through the bank. Your secretary wrote that she would bring it to your notice when you returned. Another $62.50 is due you and I shall be glad to forward it when I hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

January 10, 1938

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Robert E. Park

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have delayed writing you until I could report not merely what I had done but what I had accomplished since I wrote you last. As a matter of fact several things have been started but nothing has been finished.

Before I left for Brazil I made an estimate of the number of articles an Encyclopaedia of the Negro might hope to publish, assuming that the number of pages was limited to 2,888 of 650 words each and the average length of articles was one half the length of those in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences.

The number of articles in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences is 5,281, the average number of words per article is 1250.

The next problem, as I conceived it, was to obtain a provisional list of topics from which to make a selection, since it is obvious that a number of topics that it is desirable to cover in a work of this sort is much more extensive than it is possible to include in an Encyclopaedia of four volumes of 722 pages each.

In the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences there are, as I remember, about 55 general titles under which all other minor titles have been classified. I made some attempt before I went to Brazil, to make a list of such general titles for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I had intended to use for that purpose a list of subject titles which Miss Yocum, of the Fisk University library has been working on for a number of years. This list is based on the list of books in the special library at Fisk on the subject of the Negro. It is intended, however, to include in this list when completed, not merely the subject titles now in that library but everything else that might properly be included in such a collection.

Miss Yocum worked out this list of titles at the suggestion and under the direction of the Librarian, Professor Carl White. She is making it the subject of a thesis as a requirement for a master's degree in library science at the University of California. Miss Yocum left for California a few weeks ago on a year's leave of absence. I have gone over her list of titles very carefully and as far as my knowledge of the subject goes, she

seems to have done a very good job. She has promised to send me a copy of this list as soon as she has completed and corrected it, which she hopes to do as soon as she has had a chance to discuss it with the Librarian at the University of California.

I think this list of titles will be of real value to us, because it has been made up with reference to precisely those interests to which the Encyclopaedia is addressed.

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The next step, as I conceive it, is to select several of the general titles, like "Negro Art and Literature," for example, or "Negro Labor" and after making a careful analysis of the whole subject, break it up into a number of minor topics, so conceived and so defined, that each separate article will be relatively independent of every other, but so connected by cross references to all other titles that one would be able to find, by following these cross references at the end of each article all that the Encyclopaedia had to contribute on the general topic.

The task of selecting and analyzing these general topics is not easy, and I shall not undertake it at this time. What I have done is to turn over one or two of these general topics or parts of them to men in our department who I knew would be interested, in any case, and have suggested that they make such an analysis of it as would enable them eventually to formulate all the individual titles into which the topic seemed to fall, including everything that seemed relevant, whether it falls logically under the topic or not.

I gave the topic "The Negro farmer and Negro farm laborer" to Professor Giles Hubert. He did some work on this topic before he left last fall for Denmark. I do not know what he has done with it since. I assigned this topic to him because I knew that this was a subject in which he had some special interest and some special knowledge and he would be glad, I believe, to clear up his own mind on the subject even if he never had a chance to write an article for the Encyclopaedia on the topic.

At the same time I asked Professor Mark Hanna Watkins, who teaches anthropology at Fisk, to write an article which would sketch in outline the career of the African Negro, from the point of view of anthropology, answering the question, Where did the black man come from and wither is he bound? How widely is the blood of the African dispersed among the peoples of the earth and how far have individuals of African origin penetrated and contributed to the cultures of peoples in different parts of the world.

These are questions that I wanted to answer for myself and these are questions as I told him, that some one would have to answer, in one form or another, if the project for an Encyclopaedia ever should be carried through to completion as I expect it to be.

In these and some other negotiations with possible contributors I have expressly stated that I had no authority to contract for the preparation of any articles and no work that they might do under my direction or at my solicitation would establish any moral or financial claim upon the editors of that enterprize or its publishers.

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My special purpose was to find out what, if any scholarly interest these men had, and at the same time I wanted to get some notion how competent they, and other men, with the same intellectual background, were ~~likely~~ to write articles in the particular fields in which they have specialized. If they showed a genuine scholarly interest in the subjects I assigned them I assumed they would be willing to take the necessary time to prepare for a task, which at best is going to be wholly out of proportion to the immediate financial return they can expect from it.

Furthermore, I want to enlist the largest possible number of colored people in this enterprise. I think it important to give them some notion in advance of what will be expected of them. The journal you and your associates propose to publish in Atlanta might serve as a school for future contributors to the Encyclopaedia.

I was interested in the note from Mr. Malherbe, of Pretoria, South Africa. He is an able man, but there are others, who know more about the Bantus in South Africa, than he. But I am certain there will be no difficulty in getting white men in South Africa or elsewhere, to contribute, as soon as we are able to tell them what we want them to write about.

My opinion is that there are enough colored men to do most if not all the work, but some of them lack experience and need training. My experiments with Hubert and Watkins were designed to be exploratory merely. If you approve I should like to carry this exploration further with other men who might desire eventually to become contributors.

I was in Bahia for a month last summer and under the guidance of Donald Pierson, who has been studying the race situation there for about two years, I managed to gain a rather definite idea of the local situation in Bahia and in Brazil. The situation is very interesting and very different from anything I had known elsewhere. Bahia, the city, is about three-fourths African and colored. The racial policy of Brazil has been just the opposite of ours in the United States. It is not that Brazil welcomes Africans, but their policy is to assimilate them culturally and racially rather than encourage the growth of a caste system or create a permanent racial minority.

Mr. Pierson is now at Fisk, conducting the seminar on race relations which I conducted last year. He is at the same time writing the report of his two year's work.

I made it a point to get the names of scholars interested in local history and the history of the Negro in Brazil while I was there. I even went into detail with several of these men to find out what aspect of the situation they were interested in and the terms (not financial) ~~in~~ which they would be willing to contribute to such an Encyclopaedia as proposed. They found it difficult to understand the purpose of a Negro Encyclopaedia but most of them would be very willing to contribute articles where they were competent to do so. There are a number of colored men, homens de cor, who have a scholarly interest in the Africanos, as they call them, and there is rather extensive literature on the subject. I brought back with me copies of all the recent books on the subject. I am enclosing a list of topics on the subject of the Negro in Brazil prepared by Mr. Pierson at my suggestion.

I asked him to name men who might be interested in writing on the topics mentioned.

In addition to Donald Pierson, there is now at Fisk two other persons who are interested in the Negro in Brazil. Mr. Rüdiger Bilden, was three years in Brazil on a fellowship from the Laura Spellman Foundation I think. This was to enable him to study the history of slavery and its consequence in Brazil. He is now recording the results of his three years observation and study.

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There is also a Miss Ruth Landis teaching here who expects to go to Brazil in the spring to carry on an investigation of the cultural conditions of Negroes and their descendants. She is interested in general in processes and results of acculturation as it has affected Negroes and whites. She has a fellowship from Columbia for one year.

As Mr. Pierson knows and is keeping in touch with most students interested in Los Africanos in northeastern Brazil, we shall have no difficulty in getting the assistance of local scholars when we need them.

I went from Bahia to England as that seemed the most convenient way back to the United States. We stopped at the Cape Verde Island and at Lisbon, Portugal, on our way to Southampton. The Portuguese have evidently mixed very freely with Africans. As I am particularly interested in these mixtures I was glad to see for myself some of the things of which I have read.

There is a good deal in Portuguese history and literature, both in Portugal and in Brazil, that ought to find some place in this Encyclopaedia, but I do not see that we need to do anything about it until we have the list of topics relatively complete. That will take some time yet, but by going slowly we may expect that much material , like that I have mentioned, will inevitably fall in our laps with relatively little effort on our part and with almost no expense.

This is, in any case, the only way in which I can expect to be of assistance to you as I have already more claims on my time than I can meet. By going slowly, however, I can get a great deal of work done for me that I could not otherwise get done at all.

By the way, have you seen Doyle's Etiquette of Race Relations in the South; or Stonequist's The Marginal Man? If you have not seen them I shall be glad to send copies to you. I am not certain that you will be particularly interested in either of these books, but both men have achieved a certain amount of scholarship in this field of race relations and we can count on contributions from them if and when their assistance is desired.

While in London, I visited the office of the International, Institute of African Languages and Culture. I hoped that I might meet Diedrich Westermann there, but he was in Germany at the time. I wanted to learn from him what was his conception of the Negro of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I find that people in Brazil have a totally different conception of the Negro from that which prevails in the United States. They do not think of a man of mixed blood as one whose fate is bound up with the Negro in Africa or the United States. The men of mixed blood, at least are Brazilians.

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So in South Africa I found the Bantus greatly concerned about the progress the Negro was making in the United States but they did not think of themselves as Negroes. Neither did they think of themselves as South Africans. They were Natives and Bantus. They wanted the Cape Coloured to associate themselves with them in a struggle of what the rallying cry was "Africa for the Africans". But they did not identify themselves with the Cape Coloured. They had a common interest with them but it was not apparently racial.

I mention this to indicate the necessity for formulating a definition of the Negro, of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, which will include all the interests of all the different kinds of people which will be included under the term Negro as it will be used in this Encyclopaedia.

I have such a definition of my own but I am not certain that Mr. Westermann has. I wanted to put the question to him. I had a letter from him a few weeks ago. I am answering it today.

I sent, with a certain amount of reluctance, your check for $125 to the bank today. I take it on the assumption that some or most of the things I have attempted to do for the Encyclopaedia will eventually be done. I do not know whether there is any more coming to me from the Phelps-Stokes Fund under the terms of my contract with them. If there is do not send it to me until you hear from me again.

In the meantime if you want any advice let me hear from you, otherwise I shall not proffer it, but merely continue under my own steam to do what seems to be the next best thing.

Very cordially,

Robert E Park

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Robert E. Park

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SOCIAL SCIENCE

17-15-17

January 12, 1938

Dr. W.E.B.Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Our letters crossed. I received your letter of January 8, just as I was mailing to you the letter you will probably receive today.

I am sending you enclosed a copy of my letter to Dr. Westermann. I note that you have consulted with Allison Davis, the anthropologist. That reminds me that I talked with both Robert Redfield and Lloyd Warner, of the University of Chicago and though I did not broach the matter at that time, I have the impression that Mr. Warner would be very happy to take my place as your advisor as soon as you reach a point where you want more active cooperation than I am able to give you.

I mention this now because I am certain that Mr. Warner would be more disposed to undertake the responsibility of an associate editorship if he had some one on the board of editors to cooperate with like Mr. Davis.

If I can be of any assistance to you in your negotiations with the foundations please let me know. My notion is that it is not wise to push the campaign for funds too aggressively, not to the point at least where you are in danger of receiving a negative reply to your request, because I am convinced that in the long run and after the program has been fully considered the answer should be favorable.

One reason I have seemed rather inactive since I returned is that I left a number of things that I promised to do unfinished when I went away last summer, and I have had more to do here since I came back than I expected.

Do not trouble about any further payments to me for my services. I am glad to do about all I can do from now on without pay. I shall think of the payments already made as token payments. I don't object to taking money from a foundation if it is in payment of real services, but I realize that what I can do for you or the Encyclopaedia cannot, under present circumstances, amount to very much.

Very cordially,

Robert E. Park

Robert E. Park

rep:h

[Enclosure]

17-15-18

January 12, 1938

Professor Diedrich Westermann
Steinstrass 25
Berlin-Steglitz, Germany

My dear Professor Westermann:

I am sending you enclosed a copy of a letter which I have just dispatched to Professor W. E. B. Du Bois. I believe this letter will convey to you more directly than anything else I can put on paper at this time just what my interest in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro is and what the present state of the enterprise is, so far as my knowledge and connection with it goes.

My suggestion, to which you refer in your letter of November 29, that I might eventually send you an article for the journal Africa on the persistence in Bahia of cultural tradition of African origin, was promised on the assumption that since the editors of Africa were interested in acculturation in Africa they would be interested in a parallel process in the Western World, and particularly in a community where the African tradition has been more completely preserved than elsewhere.

In view of the interest you have expressed, I shall take the liberty of sending the article on to you as soon as it is finished. Just at present my time is pretty well taken up with another and a different subject.

What I wanted to discuss with you more particularly, however, was a question that has arisen in my effort to define explicitly the subject matter of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro that will necessarily include descendants of African peoples who do not now and perhaps never did think of themselves either as Africans or Negroes.

I am thinking particularly of the peoples of mixed blood in Africa and in Brazil, who for the purposes of this Encyclopaedia, and to the extent that their fate is more or less completely bound up with that of all other persons of African descent are, and I think, should be classed as Negro. I find it rather difficult, in short, to reconcile the anthropological conception of the Negro with the conception that prevails in the United States where, as you know, one drop of African blood makes a white man a Negro or, to use the census definition, "a Negro is one who is known as such in the community in which he lives." That definition of a Negro might suit the purposes of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro in the United States. On the other hand I am certain that the public to which these volumes are addressed will want to know what has happened to the black man in every part of the world, and particularly in those parts of the world where he has come into

intimate cultural contact with European peoples.

As I have suggested in my letter to Dr. Du Bois I think the Encyclopaedia should survey the whole history and career of the Negro and answer the question which the ordinary man, white or colored, wants an answer, namely: where did the black man come from and wither is he bound?

That means, finally, that I should not include any anthropological information about the Negro in Africa or elsewhere that was not directly or indirectly related to that very general question.

I might add that I am not writing this letter in the hope of getting an answer to this or any other question. I am writing merely to acquaint you with the question I should have hoped to discuss with you if I had been fortunate enough to meet you in London. Had I originally planned to go to England I should certainly have sought to arrange an interview, either in London or Berlin, in advance of my arrival.

It is possible I shall be in England again in the spring. In that case I shall hope to meet you.

In the meantime I am

Very cordially yours,

rep:h

Robert E. Park

P. S. I do not expect to be here after the first of February but if you care to drop me a note it will reach me either in care of Fisk University or the University of Chicago.

17-15-19

January 18, 1938

12-15-20

My dear Dr. Park:

I am very glad indeed to have your letters of January 10 and 12. I am sure that you and Mrs. Park enjoyed the South American trip.

Your estimate of the articles in the proposed Encyclopaedia will be of great interest to us as a basis of comparison with our estimate and corrective to our conclusions. I should be glad to see your estimate and Miss Yocum's list whenever you receive a copy of her manuscript. I am enclosing our estimate of space and indication of major articles. The selection of general titles and breaking them up is also a matter of which we would welcome help. We have tried here but of course one cannot get too much wisdom on such a subject.

I thank you very much for getting the cooperation of persons like Professor Giles Hubert and Professor Mark Watkins. I, myself, have had some students working on the question of Negro tribes. I have been giving a course in African Culture this semester and the resulting project is a report in thirteen chapters covering the main cultural topics. In the case of several of these graduate students real and valuable work has been done. Any other negotiations that you can make with possible contributors will be deeply appreciated. We need to make the most careful search for men who have the ability to treat these subjects. Just now I am especially interested in the matter of economic articles. I find we have surprisingly few colored economists. In fact outside of Abram Harris at Howard I know of none. There must be, however, some young men with modern economic training which would be of use to us. If you find any or hear of any, please let me know. I shall be very glad to get in touch with Mr. Pierson and solicit his interest and cooperation for the Encyclopaedia. I am also glad to know of Mr. Bilden and Miss Landis.

Your list of topics on the Negro in Brazil I have turned over to Mr. Logan who is especially interested in the history of the Negro in the West Indies and South America.

I had given some thought to the Portuguese and partially planned to visit Portugal when I was in Europe in 1936, but the Spanish war rather scared me off. Certainly Portuguese Negroes and mulattoes must have notice in our work.

I should be very glad indeed to have copies of Doyle and Stonequist. I have heard of both these books but have not seen them. My purchases this year in books have reached such a size that I am afraid to spend much more unless I am sure the book is indispensable.

I am sure that you saw Miss Brackett in London and she is really the live wire in the International Institute. I am sure that you will find that Dr. Westermann has a much narrower conception of the word Negro than we have and probably we will have to in the end compromise using the word to connote a somewhat narrower range of subjects in Africa than in America. I think that with some lack of logic but by the use of practical wisdom we can reach eventually a satisfactory arrangement on this point. I should be glad to hear what Dr. Westermann says.

I think you are working along lines which will be of a great deal of interest and value to us. I hope you will continue and keep me in touch with what you are doing. Thank you for the mention of Mr. Warner. I will keep that matter in mind.

I hope you will not under estimate what you have done and can do for our enterprise and you may be sure that we appreciate your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

18-1-41

January 20, 1938

My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is making a lecture trip during the month of Befruary. He could speak at Parkersburg February 14 or February 17. The charge will be fifty dollars and board and lodging for one day. Mr. Du Bois will pay his own traveling expenses. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Principal, Colored High School
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Letter of Commendation

October 11, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

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I have just read your article "Black Africa To-morrow" in the current issue of Foreign Affairs Quarterly. It and Black Reconstruction which I am still reading, serve to allay my impatient expectations of the coming of your next book. Can you say when it will be presented? I read a cable dispatch in the Pittsburgh Courier reporting that the Black Colonial Troops of England and France are already manifesting reactions as you state in this article and have many times said before. Too, your comments of last year to the Courier on the European situation, the reference to Czechslovakia, and on China and Japan -- all well said. This is equally as true of the nearly five decades of your works. For this you cannot be too highly commended.

If you anticipate a trip east, or directly to Chicago in the near future, I shall thank you to let me know the date.

Very sincerely yours,

A. G. Paschal

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October 13, 1938

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My dear Mr. Paschal:

Thank you for your kind words concerning my Foreign Affairs article. My next book BLACK FOLK, THEN AND NOW is expect to appear in February. It is being published by the Henry Holt and Company. Also February twelfth I am expecting to speak at the Chapel of the University of Chicago. I should be glad to see you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Andrew G. Paschal
1035 West 112th Street
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Dr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

Enclosed is my contribution of $5.00 toward the DuBois Birthday Fund.

Very truly yours,

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April 30, 1938

Mr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
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Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Thank you for consenting to sponsor Dr. Thomas Mann's lecture on May 6th. I am enclosing two tickets for the lecture.

Sincerely yours,

Harold R. Peat

HRP:F

[The Penn School]

Social memo

17-18-19

May 7, 1938

My dear Misses Cooley and House:

I want to thank you so much for your hospitality during our visit last week. It was a very great pleasure to see St. Helena again and to review your interesting problems.

Very sincerely yours,

Misses Cooley and House
The Penn School
Frogmore, St. Helena Island
South Carolina

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12-17-83

Edward W. Mumford, *Secretary*
3446 Walnut Street

February 4,
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Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

President Gates has referred to me your letter of January 28th. We shall be glad to find, if we can a representative of the University to attend the program in honor of Dr. DuBois. I am afraid that no one will be able to come from here, however.

Will you please extend to Dr. DuBois, in any case, the congratulations and best wishes of the University of Pennsylvania, which has watched with interest his distinguished career.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Mumford

Secretary

EWM:EM

December 16, 1938

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My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is lecturing in your vicinity during January and could speak in Miami, January twenty-seventh or thereabouts. His charge is fifty dollars out of which he pays his own expenses. I am enclosing a list of his subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

Mr. K. L. Pharr
1025 Northwest Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

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February 11, 1938

Request for photo

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The Philadelphia Society for Negro Records and Research is an organization which has as one of its functions the gathering and dissemination of facts concerning the accomplishments of the Negro now and in the past, in all fields.

We are trying now to put into our schools and wherever it will do service, the photo-prints of the younger Negroes who have done worthwhile things in their chosen field. We have selected persons in different fields as our subjects and you are among these. We are writing to ask that you furnish us with your photograph and a biographical sketch by filling in the enclosed questionnaire.

This material will be furnished at cost and is intended to inform our youth as to the accomplishments of their own group and to enlighten Americans of the other group.

In giving us the cooperation we request, you will assist in a worthwhile effort to better conditions in America. We would appreciate your sending the information and photograph at the earliest possible date.

Sent 2/24/38

Very sincerely yours,

Robert L. Bagnall

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February the 5th, 1938.

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Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Dear Mr. Logan: -

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant explaining a suitable testimonial to be given Dr. W. E. B. DuBois in recognition of the distinguished services which he has rendered the race and humanity generally and the distinction which he has achieved "as editor, teacher, scholar, man of letters and crusader for human rights."

12-8-43

I am delighted to advise you that I am in perfect harmony with those leaders who have initiated this movement. Dr. DuBois, in my opinion is worthy of any honor which the race can bestow upon him. Upon your invitation to serve as one of the "Friends and Associates" who will sponsor this movement I hereby accept and make a contribution of five dollars in evidence of my desire to see the affair crowned with success.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Phillips

C. H. Phillips.

Sacramento, California.Oct.28,1938.

Professor W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you as one who can give me information I do not seem able to get wlsewhere-even in Colored Who's whi in public libraries.

I request names of outstanding men and women of at least part Negro blood-NOT NOW LIVING- such as Alexander Dumas, Toussaint L'Overture, Booker T. Washington. I had thought of including King Menelik but understand he claimed he was Abyssinian and not Negro.-If that is so, it would exclude the Queen of Sheba.

I know there must be many outstanding people of Negro blood and will appreciate any information you can give me.

Thanking you I am

Very sincerely,

W. R. Piatt

1515-Tenth Street #36.

44-91-11

November 7, 1938

17-16-45

My dear Sir:

J. A. Rogers has published a pamphlet on the WORLD'S GREATEST MEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT. His address is 2293 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. M. L. Piatt
1515 Tenth Street #36
Sacramento, California

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January 10, 1938.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Logan:

I don't know anything that will give me greater pleasure than joining with others in helping to honor Dr. DuBois, or rather to honor ourselves by showing recognition and appreciation of the great service which he has rendered to his race and to his fellow man.

You can use my name among the "friends and associates", and put me down for the five dollar contribution toward expenses of the occasion. You can depend on that. Notify me if necessary not later than February first, when I will find it more convenient to send you my check.

Yours very truly,

William Pickens
Director of Branches

WP:LB

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January 19, 1938.

Prof. Rayford W. Logan
Chairman of Committee of "Friends and
Associates" Who will honor Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
on his Seventieth Birthday, February 23, 1938.
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Logan:

The name of your Treasurer I have forgotten. Your name as Chairman, I remember. But there is one thing I could never forget: The occasion for which I send the enclosed check, which I had promised to send after February first,-- joining heartily in the movement of the Friends and Associates, and I might add Beneficiaries, of the life of Dr. DuBois.

I regret that I cannot be present on the occasion, kindly tell Dr. DuBois and the others; but my absence is made necessary by the fact that on that date I will be in the west, pursuing the work to which Dr. DuBois inspired me years ago. I lit my little candle in the fire of his Sun, and I expect to carry it forward as long as I live,-- and to try to hand it on to others when I finish with life.

I am so happy that you and others at Atlanta University have moved to recognize in small measure the great work of Dr. DuBois. Of course, that would be expected of you and your associates.

Most cordial greetings to Dr. DuBois and the others, from

Yours sincerely,

WP:LB

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April 17, 1938 —

Columbia, S.C.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, (Willian Pickens)
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois: —

Nothing more charming-
ly interesting have I
ever read than
"A Pageant in Seven
Decades" —
the brief & plain-spo-
ken story of your
life. Very truly yours,

W. Pickens

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WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT DU BOIS

(By William Pickens for A.N.P.)

He is 70 years of age on the 23rd of February, 1938, - February, by accident the birth-month of Frederick Douglass and William DuBois, of Abraham Lincoln and of George Washington.

The other day I saw DuBois again, and heard one of his characteristic lectures on Africa and its people. How much energy and devotion he has poured out of him in this half-century of work, trying to make Negroid Peoples realize that they do not have a contemptible past history; that they are only descendants of humans. And in spite of this Herculean labor, in physical and mental life he still out-matches most men who are a quarter of a century behind him in years.

On Feb. 23rd, Atlanta University is devoting a whole day to his honor, by a Convocation of all the University forces and of his Friends and Associates from all over the nation. On his 70th birthday we all meet, in heart and mind if not in body, in that chapel on Spelman college grounds, to say our little words and to listen to a lecture from this half-century of vigourous thinking and active living.

As I saw him in Buffalo, N. Y., on Feb. 16th, being honored and listened to by all classes of his race, it occurred to me: That here is a man who, when he began to think, found his thoughts much ahead of his generation; but who today finds his generation not so far behind his thinking, - which proves, not how much his generation has influenced his thinking but how much his thinking has influenced his generation. The minds of men, especially of his own sociological "race" group, have been moving up toward him. Negroes today think far better of themselves than they would have thought, had he never lived among them.

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January 5, 1938

17-16-113

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I sent Mr. Vann the enclosed letter of December 22. It was the answer which I had sent Mr. Ransom. I do not intend to take any further steps whatsoever. It seems to me that your letter and mine have adequately covered the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Ira F. Lewis
Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Mr. Ransom is still obstreperous and I am trying to placate him. Enclosed is a sort of farewell column in which I take up some unfinished business. I hope you can see your way to print it. It is, of course, offered to you gratis.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Ira F. Lewis
The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

P. S. I put the statement in this form so that it will not look too much like free advertising. If you haven't space for it you might simply publish the Walker paragraph.

I-21-14

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January 17, 1938

17-4-115

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Your communication of January 11 is acknowledged. We are running the article you enclosed in the current issue of The Pittsburgh Courier and trust that the same will please Mr. Ransom.

Thanking you always for your fine cooperation and with the writer's personal good wishes, we are

Very truly yours,

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER PUB. CO.

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Ira F. Lewis,
Manager

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November 25, 1938

Gentlemen:

Do you still have the trays for eating in the car? If so, please let me know and I will buy one.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

Ponten Manufacturing Company
1430 South Fifth Street
Berkeley, California

Porter (PORTER)

Atlanta Ga. Feb. 12—38

Dear Professor—

I hope I wont raise your ire by handling your name in such a blundering way. I am trying very hard to fit into the mood of your very fine and worthy movment, and I say "Go to it" "it is alright"

Respectfully

J. R. Porter.

P.S. I know the man, I knew the boy.

17-17-4

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908 CLINTON STREET · PHILADELPHIA · LOMBARD 8466

February 11, 1938

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Reid:

On the occasion of sending my bronze of Dr. DuBois to its permanent home Atlanta University, Mrs Zortoff and I are sending Greetings to Dr. DuBois and Good Wishes to him for many more years of creative work.

I am also inclosing expressions reflecting on my work and association with Dr. DuBois.

"The Face is the Mirror of Man!"
The Great Traditions of Art Portraiture are to reveal for Posterity in Plastic Form the artists interpretation of spiritual qualities and visual characteristics of Man.

Under such a concept of Art and with an intuitive perception of the creative and noble personality of Dr. DuBois, — I delved into permanent Bronze his pulsating countenance.

During the process of work, I felt Dr. DuBois's continuous interest, — I enjoyed his sparkling expressions of his varied experiences — as if he was throwing full light on himself and lightning my work. Alexander Portnoff —

11/21/38

Request for information

5-31-100

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

My class in The Novel would value a statement from you relative to the following question about novels concerning the Negro. Does the Negro fictionist's portrayal of the Negro correspond with that of his Caucasian brother? Kindly give us the reason for your answer and specify novels we might read to corroborate your statement.

This will be of great value to us. We hope you have the time to make this contribution.

Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Grace V. Postles

Some do
many do not
ought not

Jesse Stuart
E. W. Chesnutt
White Frame House

November 25, 1938

Dear Madam:

Some Negro novelists agree in their portraiture of Negro life with white novelists; others do not and I think the latter persons are right because, of course, the authentic portrait must in the long run come from the persons within. The ones who represent what I regard as a correct portraiture are among others: Jessie Fauset - Plum Bun, There is Confusion, Chinaberry Tree; Charles W. Chesnutt - Conjure Woman, Wife of my Youth, House Behind the Cedar; and Walter White's Fire in the Flint.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Grace V. Postles
2503 West Oxford Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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My dear Mr. Banks:

This will be presented to you by Mr. Llewellyn Shivery who is beginning work as head of the boys' department in the colored Y. M. C. A. of Houston. He is the son of Mrs. Louie Davis Shivery whom you will remember at Atlanta University. I have asked him to come and see you and any advice and guidance you can give him I am sure will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

17-18-15

January 25, 1938

My dear Mr. Banks:

I am giving Llewellyn Shivery, Louie Davis Shivery's son, a letter of introduction to you. He is a nice clean boy but he needs advice and backbone. This is his first real job and if he can do it well, he will get self-confidence which at present he lacks. He has a young wife who is a very excellent musician. I would be glad if you and Mrs. Banks would do what you can for them both.

My best regards to you both.

Very sincerely yours,

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
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January 29, 1938

17-18-16

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

I thank you for your letter regarding Mr Shivery.

Mrs Banks and I shall be happy to do whatever we properly can to encourage Mr and Mrs Shivery. I know Mr Shivery's mother who was a schoolmate of mine.

He has a splendid chance working with Mr Craver to render a large service to a very promising group of young people.

You would be interested to know that our school work goes forward nicely. Mrs Banks joins me in best regards.

I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W
cc: Mr Llewellyn Shivery
1217 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas

February 10, 1938

Dear Elizabeth,

Mrs. Du Bois, Yolande and the baby are coming down to my birthday celebration. They arrive Tuesday morning, the twenty-second, and will probably stay until Saturday. I am going to arrange to have them stay in my apartment and surrounding rooms.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss N. Elizabeth Prophet
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Elizabeth Prophet

17-10

June 22. '38

MISS N. ELIZABETH PROPHET
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

956 Ashby Grove

17-01-85

Dear Dr DuBois

I have gotten fairly settled in my new house, so, if you are free Thursday between one thirty and five, come and call. Shall hope to see you.

With best greetings,
N. Elizabeth Prophet

It is a little new white house.

June 23, 1938

17-10-96

My dear Elizabeth:

I am glad to know that you are favorably settled. I was a little alarmed at having lost track of you for a while but assumed you did not want to be disturbed. I cannot come to see you today and I am leaving early next week. If possible I shall drop in before I go but if I do not get a chance I hope you will have a pleasant summer and that you will rest. I know you need it.

I inquired about the sanitarium when I was in Nashville. The address is:

Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital
Young's Lane
Nashville, Tennessee

The rates are $25 a week for single rooms and $14 for rooms with two. They say it is a very pleasant and quiet place.

With best regards,

Miss N. Elizabeth Prophet
956 Ashby Grove
Atlanta, Georgia

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January 3, 1938

12-15-42

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I enclose check #693 of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for $562.50, payable to your order toward the expenses of the Negro Encyclopaedia. There has been no change in the accounts which this covers except that I understand Dr. Parks will be paid for only six months during 1938. The designations appear in our books as follows:

Appropriation #76 - Negro Encyclopaedia:

a.	Honorarium to Dr. Du Bois for the year 1938	$500.00
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c.	Atlanta Office Expenses	1,500.00
		$2,125.00

Payable quarterly on	January 1st	$562.50
	April 1st	562.50
	July 1st	500.00
	October 1st	500.00
		$2,125.00

I assume that your statement for the quarter ended December 31st will be forwarded in the near future. With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours

L. A. Roy

LAR:DAS
Enclosure

January 6, 1938

12-15-49

My dear Mr. Roy:

This is to acknowledge check No. 693 of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for $562.50. I am enclosing statements and vouchers for the expenditure of check No. 650 received September 30, 1937 for $562.50. You will note that there is a deficit of $148.02. Dr. Stokes wrote me November 18 in part as follows: "Our Committee was unanimous in thinking . . . it would not be right to have you pay the $150 out of your own pocket or deduct it from the appropriation for next year. Consequently it was voted you, and you will receive it in due course." In accordance I presume that the $148.02 will be refunded at your convenience.

I may say, however, that the deficit has been kept down to this by the non-payment of $62.50 to Dr. Park. The reason for this is that I have not heard from Dr. Park since last June. He went to South America and I do not know whether he has returned or not. He has not acknowledged my last check to him for $125. It is possible that he is still detained in South America but I am writing him again and shall remit his compensation when I hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

P. S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Stokes.

Telephone: Ashland 4-8578.
Cables: Stokesfund Newyork.

PHELPS-STOKES FUND
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 13, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 6th. Under separate cover we are sending to you additional accounting forms. I shall reply more fully regarding the deficit in the very near future.

Sincerely yours

L. A. Roy

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 13, 1938

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Let me thank you for your note of January 8th and for the copy of your letter to Dr. Park.

You will be sorry to know that the Carnegie Corporation has postponed final action on our appeal. I enclose herewith (1) Copy of a letter which Mr. Keppel wrote me under date of December 20th. (2) Copy of my reply.

I rather hoped that he would send me something after receiving this second letter, but I have not heard from him further. I still fully believe that the Carnegie Board will help us. My guess is that owing to the financial situation they do not wish to commit themselves to any large new projects. I have heard nothing more from the Rockefeller Boards except that one or two people have told me that Mr. Jackson Davis has spoken very appreciatively of our project to them, which is encouraging.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor in Chief, Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Encs: 2

January 17, 1938

41-128-3

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have at last had two very interesting letters from Dr. Park: one mailed just before my last letter to him and one just after. I am sending you copies of them and would be very glad to have your reaction and advice.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 27, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

41:12B-4

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter of January 17th enclosing Dr. Park's really important letters to you of January 10th and 12th and your reply under date of January 18th. I am particularly pleased to know of the classification of works on the Negro being made by Miss Yocum at Fisk University. That should prove of very real value.

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Jackson Davis. I thought it well just to keep his mind jogged on the Encyclopaedia project. I will let you know if I have any reply.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Copy with letters for Phelps-Stokes Fund

Ltr for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.

A. P. Stokes

January 25, 1938

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My dear Mr. Davis:

I had a long visit last week from Dean Mays of the Howard University School of Religion. He had sent me in advance a draft of his memorandum on the great lack of trained Negro Ministers and on the opportunity that they have at Howard to build up a strong School of Religion. I do not hesitate to say that both Dean Mays and his presentation greatly impressed me, and I can think of few greater opportunities in America to serve the higher interests of the Colored people than through developing the School of Religion here so as to be worthily equipped and manned Department of the University. Dean Mays is an extraordinarily well balanced person, just the right man to head the School, I think, while Dean Thurman, the Dean of Religion at Howard, who has charge of Chapel services and gives courses in Mysticism, etc., is a spiritual leader of exceptional quality. There are also one or two other members of the Faculty of real standing. I merely wanted to give you these impressions for what they are worth.

While writing I have thought it well to send you and Mr. Stevens a copy of a letter recently received from Dr. Studebaker. I have already sent you his first reply to my inquiry as to whether the Bureau of Education might not cooperate with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro in providing office space. This supplementary letter shows, I think, a real enthusiasm on his part for the Encyclopaedia project. In fact everywhere I go among thoughtful people the need for the Encyclopaedia seems compelling.

In one of your letters you referred to the fact that some might not think the project entirely within the scope of the General Education Board's activities. I can well understand this impression being created at first sight, but I think that when the matter is studied it will be seen that it would be a most appropriate project to be aided by the General Education Board, and that for many reasons among which I might mention these:

(1) That the idea of the General Education Board originally developed, if I remember rightly, from Mr. Rockefeller's desire to aid the cause of Negro education.

(2) That the Board is now emphasizing particularly the development of a few institutions for the higher education of the Negro and I can think of nothing which will be more stimulating to their advanced students than cooperation in such a project.

(3) That every white college or university being aided by the Board would find the material in this Encyclopaedia of the greatest value for reference purposes.

(4) That the cause of interracial good-will and cooperation would be greatly advanced by this interracial project, the purpose of which is to supply material which would help to insure an objective and sound basis for Negro progress

an white-colored adjustments.

(5) That the Encyclopaedia would do more than anything that I can think of to make the facts and conclusions of scholars in the whole field of Negro history, social conditions, etc., now known only to a relatively small number, available to the masses of our people, and would consequently advance the whole cause of Negro education and progress.

I think of these reasons as I write. I am sure many others will occur to you and Mr. Stevens as you think of the needs which the Encyclopaedia would meet and of the impetus to a legitimate race pride which it would give.

With warmest regards to you and Mr. Stevens, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

P.S. Washington is making definite progress in race relations. You will perhaps remember how I struggled a few years ago, with only a modicum of success, to get the Colored churches recognized in the Federation of Churches. Now they are admitted on exactly the same basis as white ministers. Last week I had the privilege of presiding at a luncheon of 60 of the leading ministers of Washington, white and colored. It could not have gone off more smoothly. We are now having colored students from time to time with the white students in residence in our College of Preachers without any difficulty. These are all encouraging signs.

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

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Telephone: Ashland 4-8578.
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PHELPS-STOKES FUND
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 1, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-15-29

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with recent correspondence which we had with you, we enclose herewith the Phelps-Stokes Fund check #710, payable to you in the amount of $148.02. This is to cover the deficit in the Negro Encyclopaedia account as of December 31, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Sander

Secretary to Mr. Roy

PERSONAL

February 5, 1938

Dear Dr. Loram:

I have just heard that Professor Seligman is to be Research Professor at Yale this winter. I am sure that you will do all in your power to interest him in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project. I am telling Dr. Du Bois of his coming so that if he is in your region he may call to see him. I suppose that he is about the best informed and fairest man living on the extraordinarily complicated question of African races.

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By the way, Mr. L. P. Kirwan of Merton College, Oxford, African Anthropologist, has been in town this week making a report, I believe for the Rockefeller Foundation, on the possibility of developing an Institute of African Studies at Howard. He feels the great difficulty of finding people who can deal with ethnological and historical problems of race with entire objectivity. I presume that all of us, white and black, have this difficulty. That is one of the reasons why I have always favored our bi-racial Board in the Encyclopaedia. From what I have heard I know that the General Education Board is very seriously and sympathetically considering our proposal. If we can convince them of our entire objectivity--and Dr. Du Bois' memorandum and talks with them have gone far to do this--I am very hopeful, but as my children say: "Nous verrons".

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dictated by Mr. Stokes
but signed after his leaving office

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Department of Education
Yale University
New Haven
Connecticut

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

Personal

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 11, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

41-128-6

I have not yet heard from the General Education Board, but I have heard from several persons with whom its Officers have discussed the matter. My impression is that they are only concerned by one thing and that is whether we have thought through ways in which to assure objectivity of our findings. I would like you and Dr. Logan to give this matter your most careful consideration and send me a letter which I might quote from or indeed forward to Mr. Davis or Mr. Stevens if it seems best. The matter has come to me from several sources and I get the same general impression that they are greatly impressed by our plan, and especially by your memorandum--which has gone far to satisfy them--but they want to be sure that the Encyclopaedia will not be used in any way for propaganda purposes, and that everything possible will be done to assure scientific objectivity.

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
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Anson Phelps Stokes
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Rosalie A. Malone

Secretary to
Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

49 West 49th Street, New York

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Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

Ltr for Dr Dubois
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ANSON PHELPS STOKES

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Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

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February 14, 1938

Air mail special

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Your letter of February eleventh addressed to Dr. Du Bois was received this morning. Dr. Du Bois is on a lecture trip and will not return to the University until February 21. I am, therefore, mailing him a copy of your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

49 West 49th Street, New York

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February 15, 1938

My dear Dr. Stokes:

It is a pleasure to have your letter of the 12th and to note your readiness for another conference with the officers of the Board with reference to the Encyclopedia of the Negro.

The matter of an associate editor and a small nucleus of scholars who would be available for more frequent reference are, of course, matters of importance which we should wish to discuss and on which we should need assurance.

I shall hope to write you later this week, after I have had further consultations and suggest a time for a suitable date for a conference, either here or in Washington.

Mr. Stevens joins me with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JACKSON DAVIS

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

JD:FAB

[Phelps Stokes]

February 22, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am sorry to have been away at the time your important letter of February eleventh reached my office. I was lecturing in the Middlewest: two lectures in Chicago, one in Detroit, one in Buffalo, one in Wheeling, West Virginia, one in Indianapolis and one in Cincinnati. In all I addressed about three thousand people and spoke on "Present Conditions in Africa", "Present Conditions in Asia", "Economic Cooperation" and "The Present Economic Revolution and Democracy". I just returned to my desk yesterday.

41-126-10

I shall mail you tomorrow a statement which I am writing today and shall ask Mr. Logan and Mr. Reid to read on the general matter of objectivity and scientific impartiality in the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I could be in Washington, Monday, February twenty-eight.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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This does not for a moment deny the fact that I should come to the editing of such an Encyclopaedia with certain strong convictions. This seems to me inevitable in all social studies. One could not, for instance, imagine an Encyclopaedia Britannica which would be anti-British; nor a Jewish Encyclopaedia which would be pro-Nazi; nor a Catholic Encyclopaedia which would have the same estimate of Martin Luther as most Protestants have. On the other hand, it would be inconceivable that in such Encyclopaedias there should be deliberate attempt to falsify facts or to suppress evidence or even to conceal the fact of disagreement and controversy on certain moot points.

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If I became chairman of the editorial board of this Encyclopaedia I should take up my work with an unalterable belief that Negroes are human beings, with essentially the same reactions of other human beings; and I should try to choose colleagues and contributors who shared this general belief. But, on the other hand, I would not expect that the contributors in the Encyclopaedia would in all or even perhaps in most cases go as far in their belief in the Negro race and judgments concerning its history and work as I personally might go. I should, on the one hand, not expect to be a czar in my power to determine what contributors should be chosen and what they should write; and on the other hand, I should not expect to be merely a rubber stamp. I should try to surround myself with men who first of all were acquainted with the present available knowledge concerning the Negro race and most especially with those writers the world over who had the best knowledge of the various subjects which the Encyclopaedia would treat. Within limits I should want the best men of recognized standing to write the articles and these limits would simply mean that if one scientist seemed distinctly prejudiced against Negroes while another of equal standing was fairer and more favorable in his outlook I should certainly want to choose the latter.

As to the white colleague who would join me as co-editor I should want his color to be an incident and his scholarship and scientific reputation to be of paramount account. Of course in addition to this, unfortunately (and this illustrates some of the special difficulties of this undertaking) I should want a man willing to work with me without a consciousness of race that would overbalance devotion to a great task.

With regard to colored co-workers on the editorial staff I am convinced that we can command first rate material. It would, of course, be surprising if a group of colored men capable of treating a whole field of science should be found today congregated in any one institution. Most of our best trained scientists are young men and they will be found scattered throughout the country; but of their existence there is no question.

In the years from 1876 through 1936 the universities of the United States of recognized standing have conferred the degree of doctor of philosophy upon 148 persons of Negro descent and of these 109 have been awarded since 1928. Of these degrees, eighteen have come from Chicago; twelve each from Harvard, Columbia and Cornell; eleven from Pennsylvania; nine from Ohio State; six from Yale and five from Boston. The recipients of these degrees have majored in the following subjects: twenty-two in education; fifteen in sociology; nine in history; seven in agriculture; five in economics; five in zoology; four in bacteriology; four in biology; three in anatomy; three in anthropology; two in physiology and two in psychology. In the year 1936, seventeen Negroes received the degree of doctor of philosophy and while I have not the figures for 1937, I believe that an equal number were so honored in that year.

For the most part these are young men who have not yet had much opportunity for writing and publishing. It is only rarely that a colored man receives an instructorship or associate professorship in a first class institution and it is not often that he can get a chance for laboratory work and research. Nevertheless

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there are some opportunities of this sort and in any case the best institutions of the United States have certified the existence of a very considerable group of well trained colored men. Outside of those who have attained the doctorate are many excellent colored scholars in the United States, the West Indies and Africa. From my own personal investigation and knowledge I am sure that in education, history and sociology as also in physical science we shall have no difficulty in getting collaboration of high grade. There are fewer well trained colored men in anthropology, economics and psychology but there are some and the few that I know are first rate.

Among white collaborators I think we shall have no difficulty in securing the cooperation of the majority of persons who know the history and condition of Negroes. In South Africa students like Monica Hunter, Macmillan, Shapera, Brookes and others; in the general field, I can count upon the cooperation of Westermann, Malinowski, Frobenius, Woelfel, De Cleene, von Eickstedt and Julian Huxley. In the West Indies and South America, we have the enthusiastic promise of cooperation from students like Pattee of Puerto Rico, Ortiz of Cuba and Ramos of Brazil.

I think, therefore, that we have a most promising opportunity of securing as editors and collaborators a well trained group of colored and white students whose scientific standing is unquestioned. There will almost inevitably appear some differences of belief and bias among these men which will probably lead to some inconsistencies in judgment; but this of course is bound to be true in any encyclopaedia and particularly one which touches social subjects.

3. There comes in addition to this, the question of general editorial control and advice. No single editor would for a moment assume to have broad enough knowledge to make final decision as to all questions which will inevitably arise in this enterprise; especially in the range of subjects to be treated, their subdivision and particularly in the choice of persons who would be asked to write. The editor should be eager for the best advice and guidance that could be obtained on numberless points. On the other hand, work of this sort must not be held back or complicated by long argument, discussion and majority vote. Such methods would not only complicate the final result and make it inevitably inconsistent with itself, but would fatally prolong the time needed to finish the work. There must be the best advice, the most careful consideration and at the same time reasonably quick decisions. The finished work should have spirit, decision, clear meaning and definite judgments and not be made insipid by an attempt either to be pleasing to everybody or to affront no one's possible opinion.

My own feeling is that probably in three fourths of the articles there would be no question of judgment or difference of opinion; it would simply be a matter of carefully collating and clearly setting down the facts so far as known. This certainly would apply to the number and distribution of the Negro peoples, the main facts of their history, their physical characteristics, their health, their labor and occupations, their relations to their environment and the like. On the other hand, it is clear that in a fourth or more of the other matter there would be various degrees of difference of opinion. In the matter of "Race", for instance, it would probably be wise to have two or more articles setting forth present largely irreconcilable attitudes toward the concept of race. With regard to the connotation of the word

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February 25, 1938

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 28, 1938

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have a letter from a friend in which he says that a talk with Mr. Davis convinces him that the officials of the General Education Board are "following up" the Negro Encyclopaedia project in a sympathetic way. He adds: "He seemed to think that the application for support would receive the serious consideration of the General Education Board if it could be made clear that the work would be scientific and objective and without any tone or undertone of propaganda." He even went so far as to mention among others various members of our Board, such as Leland, Loram, and Charles Johnson, and also Alvin Johnson as possible members of a small advisory committee.

This is merely to keep you informed.

Professor Loram at Yale is getting Professor Seligman interested. I think you saw him in London. He is arranging to have Seligman see the General Education Board people about the importance of our project, which should be very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Feb. 28. - Your splendid memo. just received. I enclose copy of my reply. This new contribution of yours will help greatly.

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

March 4, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

As I presume you know, I have had the celebration of my seventieth birthday forced upon me. Mrs. Du Bois, my daughter and my granddaughter came down for the celebration and I drove them up as far as Washington. That is the reason that I was late answering your telegram. I did not stop in Washington as I wanted to get back to my work and as you had said that this was not a good date for the meeting you proposed. I will come, however, North at any time you suggest.

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I think that the persons mentioned: Leland, Loram, Charles Johnson and Alvin Johnson would be excellent members of the proposed board. I propose to add to these H. W. Odum for the whites; and for the Negroes Brawley and James Weldon Johnson and Ambrose Caliver. From these eight persons I think a board of four or six members could be chosen.

I appreciate your untiring efforts.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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for Dr. Du Bois.
A.P.S.

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March 5, 1938

Dear Mr. Davis:

Since writing you yesterday I have received a letter from Dr. Du Bois in which he follows out more specifically the idea of a small Board of Reference. With this in mind he would suggest adding at the close of the next to the last paragraph of his memorandum the following:

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I imagine that all these men are well known to you, unless possibly Mr. Caliver, who is the Senior Specialist in Negro Education of the United States Department of Education. You will notice this is merely making more specific what Dr. Du Bois had outlined in his original memorandum of which I sent a copy to you yesterday.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Mr. Jackson Davis

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 5, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks immensely for your telegram of March 4th reading as follows:

MAKE SUCH CHANGES IN MANUSCRIPT AS YOU THINK BEST LETTER FOLLOWS WITH SUGGESTED NAMES

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I have heard that there is to be a conference on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro matter in the near future in which some independent scholars are to be brought in. Thinking it quite likely that this may be over this week-end I have thought it best to send your memorandum along without waiting for the list of scholars. That I will send in a supplementary note.

I have made no change whatever in the memorandum as sent me except, as I telegraphed you, modifying the words "a certain strong bias" to "certain strong convictions". I enclose copy of the letter which I have just dictated to Mr. Jackson Davis forwarding your memorandum, of which I * of course sent a copy. It is really one of the best things you have done and will be of inestimable value to us.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS:m

For Dr. DuBois

COPY

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

49 West 49th Street, New York

March 12, 1938

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My dear Dr. Stokes:

I greatly appreciate your letter of March 4th, enclosing a memorandum from Dr. DuBois giving further information on some of the aspects of the proposed Encyclopedia of the Negro. The officers expect to present the project to the April Board meeting and I hope that it may have full and sympathetic consideration.

In your letter of March 5th you suggest some excellent scholars for a small Editorial Board to have practical management of the work. This board and the Associate Editor are subjects which we should want to discuss with you further.

The question has been raised whether you have a definite understanding with a commercial publisher. In other words, could it be published without subsidy?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jackson Davis

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D.C.

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Ltr for Dr. DuBois
a.p.

March 17, 1938

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Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director,
General Education Board,
49 West 49th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of March 12th, but I was absent in the Middle West most of last week and found such an accumulation of work on my return that I have been swamped, especially as this is a time of many Lenten appointments.

I am delighted to know that you are planning to present the Encyclopedia project to the April board meeting and that you "hope that it may have full and sympathetic consideration." Should you by any chance wish to see Dr. DuBois and myself and perhaps some of the members of our committee prior to the meeting, and you will let me know, I will be glad to arrange for it. As you know, we are most anxious not only to give you all the information that we have and a complete understanding of our plans, but to consider any suggestions or modifications that may seem to you desirable. I am to be in New York myself on March 24th and 25th and could personally arrange to call and see you at that time, should you desire.

As to your question regarding publication - you ask whether we have "a definite understanding with a commercial publisher." The answer to this is that we have no such arrangement. The only publishers who have figured on the Encyclopedia are the officers of the Yale University Press. You will find their estimate summarized on page 16 of our memorandum. You will notice that their estimate for 3000 sets of four volumes in the general form of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences and providing 10 per cent for alteration of proofs, was $29,448. This was, of course, tentative and goes back seven years. Just what the change in printing prices in the interval has been, I do not know.

When Dr. DuBois and I had our long interview with Dr. Alvin Johnson in September last he was clearly of the opinion that we should make regular arrangements with some publishing house and that any profits on the actual cost of printing, binding and distributing the Encyclopedia should be used for some constructive purpose and not returned to donors. In this connection I find under date of September 14th a note of my understanding of Mr. Johnson's recommendations on this matter. It was as follows: "For your financial arrangements have a straight one without any thought of returns to Foundations, but with the understanding that any profits go for some specific educational work related to the general subject of the Encyclopedia as provided for in our memorandum. The four volumes should not sell for over $20.00, instead of $25.00, as we have provided. It is probable, however, that 5,000 sets can be sold. Libraries alone will take 1500."

This is in keeping with a possible suggestion made in our original memorandum where you will find at the foot of page 16 the following: "Provision might be made that receipts, if any, over and above expenses, could be used by the Board of Directors for establishing such a fund or funds in the interest of the study of the Negro, as might commend itself to its judgment. It is hoped and believed that ultimately 5000 copies will be sold."

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You will see then that we have made no definite arrangements with any publisher and that we do not plan to ask for any subsidy for printing expenses. We believe that there will be no difficulty whatever if the material is presented to a reputable publisher without expense to him, to have the printing financed. We might need help in the banking for a year, but that is certainly not a matter where we would expect any help from the Foundations.

As to the need of a comprehensive Encyclopedia such as we have outlined in our various memoranda, it seems clearer to me every day. May I give you a few concrete experiences in the last few weeks.

1. I had to give an address last Sunday at the dedication of a Negro Settlement here. I wanted to know just what had been done in the way of Settlements for Negroes in the past, but I found nothing easily available. The Negro Handbook gives a list of "Social Service Centers of Negroes" but it is merely a list and it includes all sorts of institutions that would not be recognized as standard Settlements.

2. I had to preside at a meeting in which the matter of Negro health was being discussed and particularly the question of the Negro and tuberculosis. There have undoubtedly been publications on this subject, but I found nothing in my library covering it and I had to make inquiries of several people before I found what the general result of investigations was on the subject of whether or not the Negro was prone to tuberculosis or whether the excessively high Negro tuberculosis rates in America are due mainly to the social and economic conditions in which Negroes live.

3. A friend from abroad came to see me. He was especially interested in two matters, African Negro Art and the degree to which Negro culture had in the Medieval period permeated Central and West Africa. Inhad one or two books that touched on these different subjects, but nothing that summarized the results of investigations or gave further sources of information.

4. In talking with a distinguished Canadian visitor a couple of weeks ago, he brought up the question of the degree to which the American Negro was represented in the Loyalist migration to Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada towards the close of the American Revolution. I had never happened to hear of this matter discussed before and could find nothing about it in the books at my disposal, but it seems that there are considerable Negro settlements in Nova Scotia which have retained their identity for over 100 years.

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5. The question of the potentiality of the Negro is constantly being raised by various guests at my home. I know, of course, something about it from observation and know a few of the studies, but I cannot put my hand on a summary showing the results of scientific investigations on this point.

These are merely examples that have come to me lately showing the types of questions which such an Encyclopedia, if properly edited - and we neither want nor can think of anything else - would answer.

Dr. Loram has now had his Race Relations Department at Yale financed for another three years and has suggested that we might consider the possibility of having the Encyclopedia edited in New Haven, believing that an interracial group would find the conditions there now very sympathetic and that the Institute of Human Relations, the Foreign Missionaries Library, which is very strong in Africa, the Yale Library, the Institute of Human Relations and various scientific departments would all make this desirable. The matter was mentioned several years ago when the consensus of opinion was that, owing to the Congressional Library, and the various scientific institutions of the Government, the presence of Howard University, and the fact that Washington is the Nation's capital and the headquarters of embassies and legations from other countries, this would be the best center. I personally see no reason to change my decision and we have incorporated in the District of Columbia, but this is one of those matters which might be later modified if there were conclusive reasons in favor of it.

It is a pleasure to correspond with a person with whom one can be as frank as with you. I am sure that you realize how intensely interested I am in this project and I am glad to give the best that is in me to help make it a success.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

APS/L

P.S. I can well imagine that after the experience with the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences some members of your Board might have hesitation in making a contribution thinking that they might be drawn in for additional grants in the future. I can only say that if you find it possible to give the 40 per cent of the total amount of $266,600, as you tentatively suggested for consideration, and if the Carnegie Board in the Fall does the same, I would be willing to give you my definite assurance that we would not come back to the General Education Board with any further requests. I think that we can keep within our budget limit. Furthermore, I believe that if the two great Boards show sufficient interest and confidence to meet the major expense we can get the remainder from other Boards and philanthropically disposed individuals.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 22, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

This is just a line to keep you in touch with developments. I am to be in New York this Thursday and Mr. Jackson Davis has asked to see me for a short time. He has definitely told me that the matter of our application will come formally before his Board at its April meeting. As far as I can find out he is strongly for our proposition. I think that next to his talk with you in Atlanta and the interview that we had together in New York the things that have helped him most have been the affirmative and constructive attitude of Alvin Johnson and Professor Loram. They have both been fine. I gather that there have been several queries such as:

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(1) The objectivity matter. Here Mr. Davis, from his talks with you and from your admirable memorandum, is apparently entirely convinced, but there are some persons, not unnaturally, to whom your years as an Editor and a propagandist bulk large and not having personally talked with you lately or read your books do not feel sure that the Encyclopaedia under your leadership will be made objective and scientific in the best senses of the word. With this in mind I am going to stress in my talk with Mr. Davis this week that if further talks with you by any other officers of the Board who have not met you recently would be helpful, I am sure that you would arrange to come, for I am personally convinced that the spirit of your two memoranda on the Encyclopaedia are so fine that all that is needed is further opportunity for question and answer to convince reasonable people.

(2) The question of the Associate Editor. We must have a meeting of our Committee some time in April to discuss this matter further. If we had a scholar like Odum* or Radcliffe Brown* or Guy Johnson, or Loram, associated with you, it would help greatly. The fact that you have come around to the bi-racial attitude with reference to the preparation of the Encyclopaedia has been invaluable, although I agree with the Board in thinking that we were right in making you, a colored man, the Chairman of the Editorial Board and also that we would be right, other things being equal, in having competent Negro scholars prepare articles, although of course there will be hundreds that will have to be written by white scholars.

(3) The unfortunate experience with the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences in requests for repeated additional grants; that is the inability to keep within the budget.

These are, I am inclined to think, the principal hurdles that we will have to overcome. You have undoubtedly sensed them from copies of letters which I have sent you lately, but I feel very sure of a most sympathetic presentation by Mr. Davis and am hopeful that all the opposition can be met. I thought it best to let you know just how things appear to me in case you have any further suggestions to make as I always find your comments and memoranda so constructive and suggestive.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

* These names are merely suggestive. We may well find some other better than any of these.

March 26, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you for your letter of March 22. I am glad the matter is coming up definitely before the General Education Board in April. As to the three points which you mention I think nothing further can be done about the first except that I should be glad to talk with any person on the matter. As to the associate editors: any of the persons you mention would be satisfactory except of course I do not think that Odum would be in the picture and of the four he would be less satisfactory to me personally although, of course, not impossible. I should be glad to come North at any time for a meeting or consultation.

41-12B-19

To illustrate the continued interest in the project abroad I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Myer Fortes. I do not know him but he is evidently connected with the African Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Confidential for Dr. Du Bois - Dr. Logan

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 28, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have received this morning your letter of March 26th and thank you for it. I am rather specially glad to have you say that Guy Johnson or Loram or Radcliffe Brown would all be entirely acceptable to you. It is rather strange, but so many different people of different points of view have suggested Guy Johnson as an almost ideal man that I am increasingly thinking that we should give him very serious consideration. The last person to mention him as a type of man who would be very helpful was Jackson Davis, with whom I had a most important interview on Thursday last, the 24th. Here are some of the things that came up in my discussion with him.

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1. He is entirely satisfied as to your objectivity. That is no longer an issue, at least so far as he and Mr. Stevens are concerned.

2. He wanted to be satisfied that a complete Encyclopaedia seemed to us really important. I rather think that Stevens had been toying with the idea of supporting you for a couple of years to do some fundamental research in American Negro History, but I explained to him that what we wanted was a body of material which would be available in every University and important Public Library, in every editor's office, and in other places that would answer questions regarding the Negro and help to inform public opinion. The more I discussed this matter, the more convinced they seemed.

3. They think the matter of the assistant editor one of primary importance. On this we all agree and, as I indicated above, Guy Johnson seemed to them a particularly desirable type. They seemed to think that although Dr. Johnson's friend who helped him on the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences might be an excellent man for an assistant editor, in certain sections of the South it might prejudice some people against the Encyclopaedia if its two major editors were a colored man and a Jew.

4. They also laid great emphasis on a small advisory committee. Professor Johnson, Prof. Dumas Malone, the editor of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, and Mr. Leland were mentioned among white men and several colored men were also named, of whom the only one that I am sure they mentioned was Charles S. Johnson.

5. They thought that it might be well for us to add to our Board a younger Southern white man. The name of Mr. B. Harvie Branscomb, Librarian of Duke University, who is this year in New York working with the Association of American Colleges, was mentioned as a possibility. His record in Who's Who is an admirable one, including a Rhodes Scholarship, Guggenheim Fellowship, Professor of New Testament, at Duke, etc.

6. They said that Radcliffe Brown, who was very much interested, felt that the African section needed considerable modification. They seemed to be entirely satisfied that Africa should be included, but that it would be important to have a European scholar, such as Radcliffe Brown, or Loram in charge of this section.

7. They laid emphasis on the fact that biographies of living men should be very much restricted and written with great restraint, a point on which we all agree. By the way, if my name is still down on the list of subjects to be treated, please see that it is eliminated. Phelps-Stokes Fund should properly be treated, but not my own name.

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8. They spoke of Mr. Starr, the assistant editor of the Dictionary of National Biography, as being engaged in a study as to the preparation of an Encyclopedia and how the mistakes which they made could be avoided. I have written to him for information.

9. They asked whether we could be sure of keeping ourselves to our budget. I said that I felt that we could do this by apportioning the money very carefully and cutting our suit to fit the cloth, being specially careful as to expenditures in the early days. They seemed to think that it might be important to have some one man or a small committee specially responsible for business matters.

Well, after I had been with Mr. Stevens and Mr. Davis for an hour they told me in confidence that they were prepared definitely to recommend our project to their Board at its April meeting - which comes on the 6th or 8th, I think. They said their recommendation would be that our request for a grant - presumably 40 per cent of the total sum - would be approved subject to the Executive Committee working out satisfactory details with our Board, the principal details being the securing of an associate editor acceptable to you, to our Board, our Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee of the General Education Board and a suitable Advisory Editorial Committee. I really felt very much encouraged by the interview. At any rate, Jackson Davis has been a perfect brick about the whole thing. Your talk with him in Atlanta, followed by our interview in New York and your memoranda have done the job, so far as he is concerned. I notice, by the way, that he is to give the Founder's Day address at Tuskegee, so there might possibly be an opportunity for further interview with him about that time in case the General Education Board acts favorably.

Wanting to keep you fully informed, I am sending you this long letter with a copy to Prof. Brawley. I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Leland today, which raises some interesting points, also copy of a letter which I have just written Mr. Jackson Davis.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS/L
Enc.

COPY
for W. Du Bois
A.P.S.

CONFIDENTIAL

March 28, 1938

Mr. Waldo G. Leland
American Council of Learned Societies
907 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leland:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 20th. I had an extremely satisfactory and encouraging talk with Mr. Jackson Davis and Mr. Stevens at the General Education Board last week and they informed me that they were recommending our project to the Board, with the expectation that the grant would be made if satisfactory details can be adjusted by their Executive Committee with our Board. xx

The principal details have to do with a small Advisory Committee and a strong white associate editor, two points which we have always had in mind.

It now seems to me not unlikely, as Dr. Du Bois and others consulted approve, and if the General Education Board makes this grant, we will approach Professor Guy Johnson of the University of North Carolina, but this is a matter which our Board of Directors must decide with the approval of our Advisory Board. I enclose copy of letter that I have just written Mr. Jackson Davis, which is, I think, self-explanatory. *

With kindest regards and much appreciation for your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Enc.

**This should, of course, be considered strictly confidential.

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PHELPS-STOKES FUND
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 31, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-15-30

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with our letter of January 3rd, with reference to the Phelps-Stokes Fund appropriation toward the Negro Encyclopaedia Project for the year 1938, we enclose herewith our check #741 payable to you in the amount of $562.50. This is the second quarterly payment, due April 1st.

The third payment, in the amount of $500.00, will be sent to you on July 1st.

Sincerely yours

Dorothy V. Sander

Secretary to Mr. Roy

June 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Mr. Logan thinks he can attend the meeting July second, if you think it is necessary. I presume we will have to pay his traveling expenses as he has to come back here for summer school.

I have just been to the Fisk Commencement where I talked with several persons about the Encyclopaedia.

Very sincerely yours,

41-1213-33

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 16, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your note of June 11th and am looking forward to seeing you on July 2nd. It looks now as though we would have a full meeting. If finances were a little more promising I would urge Mr. Logan to come up, but under the circumstances if he has to make a special trip I am afraid I shall have to confine the invitation to the members of the Executive Committee.

Always sincerely yours,

Susan Reed Steffes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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June 29, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-15-31

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We enclose herewith our check #781, payable to you in the amount of $500.00. This is the third quarterly payment due on the Negro Encyclopaedia account, July 1st.

Sincerely yours

Dorothy Sander

Dorothy Sander
Secretary to Mr. Roy

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO
Executive Committee Meeting

2408 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1938

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1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Correspondence with Mr. Studebaker about Government cooperation
3. Correspondence with the Carnegie Corporation
4. Early correspondence with the General Education Board
5. Interviews with Mr. Jackson Davis and Mr. Stevens — the Compromise Proposal
6. Dr. Du Bois' Memorandum on Objectivity
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8. Dr. Jones' cooperation
9. The General Education Board's action and the reasons for it.
10. Dr. Du Bois' letter regarding the action
11. The Yale suggestion of Dr. Loram
12. ~~Action on the death of James Weldon Johnson and the selection of a successor.~~
13. Some Correspondence — Professor Seligman, Mr. Leland, and others.
14. Proposal to appoint Dr. Guy Johnson as the Associate Editor with Dr. Du Bois
15. The proposed Board of Review
16. Question of other editorial positions
17. The Present financial situation
18. The Plan for next year's work with some help from Phelps-Stokes Fund.
19. The next steps forward:
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    2. Rosenwald Fund
    3. Rosenwald Family Fund
    4. Other Foundations and individuals
20. The revised alphabetical list with bibliographical notes of the 1555 major subjects which might be treated in an encyclopaedia.
21. The status of other preliminary Encyclopaedia matter.
22. The Report of Mr. Starr on the preparation of an Encyclopaedia (D.A.B.).
23. Appreciation of Dr. Logan's work.
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25. Suggestions and Miscellaneous Business.
26. Adjournment

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G.E.B.

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[Phelps Stoke. Fund]

July 6, 1938

My dear Mr. Logan:

This will acknowledge receipt of the three sets delivered by your brother last week of the "Alphabetical List with bibliographical notes of the 1,353 Major Subjects which might be treated in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro". I note, by the way, that the memorandum apportioning the space which these subjects might occupy in a four volume Encyclopaedia to which reference is made, was not appended.

I delivered one set, the original, to Dr. Du Bois, who took it with him; a second set I am forwarding to the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office in New York; the third set I am retaining here for the present.

I want to congratulate you heartily on completing this preliminary work, which should be most useful. I am going to make inquiries as to how much it would cost to have fifteen or twenty copies of this photographed, photostated, or otherwise reproduced so that it may be sent to representative scholars for their criticisms and additions.

May I while writing to you also say that at the meeting of our Executive Committee here on July 2nd I was specially asked to send you a note of thanks for your extremely important services in connection with the preliminary work on the Encyclopaedia. You have given us a great deal of effective help at a very slight compensation and the Encyclopaedia project will always be specially indebted to you.

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Sincerely yours,

SIGNED Anson Phelps Stokes

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copies to:
Phelps-Stokes Fund
Professor Brawley

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2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1938

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My dear Dr. Johnson:

We had an extremely interesting meeting of our Executive Committee of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro at my house last Saturday, July second. Those present were, in addition to Professor Du Bois and myself, Professor Loram, Mr. Kinckle Jones, and Professor Brawley. Dr. Dillard, who had expected to come, sent word at the last moment that he was unable to do so. His health has been poor lately. We had also hoped to have Mr. Leland of the Council of Learned Societies, but he was in Europe. I read to the meeting my correspondence with you on the question of the possibility of your becoming Dr. Du Bois' associate in preparing the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, including your important letter to me of June 20th. It will, I am sure, interest you to know that there was unanimity of opinion that you were the best possible selection for this important post. You are our first choice and we feel that now that you would, in principle, approach the acceptance of the position with favor, under satisfactory conditions, we shall be able to present the matter much more favorably to the Carnegie Corporation.

Dr. Keppel has written that he will be able to see Dr. Du Bois and myself early in September, and we are consequently arranging to see him at that time. We hope and believe that we can get the Carnegie Corporation to take 40 per cent of our total budget. If they do we will then take up again with the General Education Board the matter of a 40 per cent grant from them. I think that with the two Editors selected and approved, and not merely one--as before--we shall have a good chance of convincing them of the entire objectivity with which we shall approach the problem of preparing the material for the Encyclopaedia.

Our two Editors must both have the approval of our Advisory Board. They have already consented to Dr. Du Bois as Editor and Chairman. It now remains for us to secure their approval and that of our Board of the recommendation of our Executive Committee. Of course it would all be subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with you. I am therefore writing to ask whether you have any objection to my presenting your name to our Board and to the Advisory Board as co-Editor with Dr. Du Bois of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project, stating in the communication that the inquiry was confidential and that no announcements can be made until details have been worked out to your satisfaction.

I enclose for your information a copy of the Agenda of our

meeting so that you may see along what lines we are working. I may say that I am increasingly convinced:

(1) That this proposal is an entirely sound one.

(2) That Dr. Dillard's estimate of the significance of this undertaking, as expressed in his letter to Mr. Jackson Davis under date of December 6th, 1937, is valid:

> "You are acquainted with the progress that is being made toward the preparation of the publication of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I was present at the meeting of the Committee in Washington on November 27, and became more and more impressed with the importance of this work, the purposes of which are admirably set forth in the Memorandum of Dr. DuBois. I am convinced that such a publication at this time would do more than anything else to advance the progress of the various activities in behalf of the education of the Negro and, incidentally, for the promotion of more complete interracial understanding. I hope very much that the General Education Board will feel inclined to assist."

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Three matters that came up at the Board meeting will, I think, interest you particularly. The first has to do with the work during the coming year. The Phelps-Stokes Fund is able to continue the small honorarium to Dr. Du Bois and the employment of his secretary. He and Dr. Logan have prepared during the past year an "alphabetical List with Bibliographical Notes of the 1,355 Major Subjects which might be treated in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro." This covers some 150 typewritten pages. Dr. Du Bois plans to have this sent to you and to perhaps about 15 other representative scholars, white and Negro, at home and abroad, for suggestions and additions. Then he expects to devote a great deal of time to finding the two or three living authorities who should be approached later with reference to writing various articles. This would of course be gone over later with you, if you are our Associate Editor, before any definite selections are made, with an attempt in each case to get the best authority in each field. Of course it is understood that in certain matters, such, for instance, as Reconstruction; or the Negro influence in the Nile Valley; or the definition of the word "Negro;" where there are different opinions held by eminent scholars, it may be necessary to have two or three treatments, or at least to have the various views presented.

The second matter was the decision to have a small Board of Review to which the Editors would be invited either to make suggestions to the Editors or to give advice when consulted on difficult or controversial points. It was suggested that such a Board of Review might be composed of three white scholars chosen from the following four:

Waldo Leland
Alvin Johnson
H. W. Odum
Professor Herskovitz

Colored Scholars. Similarly:

Professor Charles S. Johnson
Professor Benjamin Brawley
Professor Ambrose Caliver
Professor Charles H. Thompson,

with Dr. Loram acting as an adviser on African matters.

The third matter was the decision that Professor Loram and I should follow up further the possibility of having the Encyclopaedia connected with Yale University. Most of the Committee felt that on account of the Library of Congress and the fact that it is the Nation's Capital, Washington would probably be the best place, but recognized that there would be some advantages, from the standpoint of securing support and assurance of the highest scholarly standards, if the undertaking could be related to a great University like Yale. Of course the University of North Carolina might be equally acceptable, but I presume that there would be difficulties there on account of Dr. Du Bois and other colored members of the staff.

I am increasingly convinced that this Encyclopaedia can render an invaluable service and that if it is to carry the weight that we wish it is essential that a white scholar who has the respect of all groups, and if possible a scholar from the South, should be identified with Dr. Du Bois in the responsible conduct of this enterprise.

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Sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Professor Guy B. Johnson
Louisiana State University
University, Louisiana

Copies to:
Dr. Du Bois
Phelps-Stokes Fund
Professor Brawley

Enc.

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July 8, 1938

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Dear Fred:

I greatly appreciated your letter of July first. Dr. Du Bois was with me last Saturday for some four hours as we had a meeting of our Executive Committee of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project. I understand that you are going abroad on September 6th and that it would be convenient for you to see us some time in the previous week. I am therefore writing to say that Dr. Du Bois and I will be delighted to keep any appointment that you may suggest for Thursday, September 1st, Friday, September 2nd, or Saturday, September 3rd.

We unanimously approved the selection of Professor Guy Johnson as Dr. Du Bois' associate. As I am confident that the Advisory Board will give its consent this means another and very important hurdle passed in carrying out our program.

I plan to be here through the 9th of August, when I go to Lenox.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel

Copy to Dr. Du Bois

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION

522 Fifth Avenue
New York

July 11, 1938

4/11/28/79

Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stokes

Your letter of July 8 has arrived while Mr. Keppel is off on a short holiday. He will see your letter on his return, but in the meantime we are arranging a tentative appointment for you and Dr. Du Bois for half-past three o'clock on Thursday, September 1, and will send you a confirmation of this date late in August.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Ford

Secretary to Mr. Keppel

July 12, 1938

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Miss Katherine Ford
Secretary to Mr. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Ford:

Let me thank you for your letter of July 11th. Dr. Du Bois and I will be delighted to meet Mr. Keppel in his office on Thursday, September 1st, at 5:30. We thank you for making this provisional appointment.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes.

Copy, with letter, for
Dr. Du Bois

July 15, 1930

41/128/81

Mr. L. A. Roy, Office Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Roy:

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I am writing to Miss Diggs for the two things that are missing, namely: (1) The proposed assignment of space; and (2) the proposed list (very brief) of living persons to be included. When I hear from you I will let you know more definitely.

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES

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Loram, and Miss Diggs

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Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 18, 1938

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Dear Miss Diggs:

Thanks immensely for your letter of July 16th with enclosures. These will be very useful.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Stevens Stokes

Miss Irene Diggs
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Cdy for Dr. DuBois
A.P.

July 18, 1928

My dear Mr. Logan:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your important letter of July 14th. I would reply as follows:

(1) I will postpone the making of copies until you have had a chance to check the list.

(2) I shall be glad to have you add the bibliography of bibliographies which you mention.

(3) I note what you say to the effect "that the matter of compensation is a minor consideration." I appreciate this because I am afraid our income for this year is pretty near the vanishing point.

(4) You would best call me up when you arrive in Washington the end of July. I plan to be here up to the 9th of August. I could see you any time from Tuesday, the 2nd, until Friday, the 5th.

(5) Dr. Hanke's article on The Contribution of the Negro to the Population of San Paolo, Brazil, is so important that I am returning it to you at Atlanta University, thinking that Dr. Du Bois should certainly see it before it is forwarded on to Mr. Samuel Lowrie at 504 Beall Avenue, Wooster, Ohio. I think that it will interest him greatly. It is unlikely, however, that we can arrange to publish it.

(6) Miss Diggs has duly sent me copies of:

(1) The proposed division of space for the Encyclopaedia.
(2) Two lists of biographies of great men of Negro blood, and others.
(3) A list of 157 out of a possible 200 subjects for five-page articles.
(4) A list of contemporaries to be included in the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

All of these I am keeping here as they are not in duplicate, except for the tentative list of Contemporaries which I am sending on to the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office. I am taking the liberty of substituting Jackson Davis for my own name as for reasons which you will understand I think it best that I should not be included and I know of no one of our generation who has rendered better service to the Negro cause than has Mr. Davis. He has been for twenty five years the backbone of the various Rockefeller Boards' interests in the Negro.

I think that all the lists will require a little attention from the standpoint of vital educational movements of modern times in this country and Africa. For instance I should think that probably Dr. Aggrey should be among the 40 biographies of great men of Negro blood. My trip in Africa convinced me that there is no black man

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in modern times who could even compare as an inspiration to the native people and to liberally minded white people, as does Dr. Aggrey both because of his achievement and his spirit.

We shall keep these new lists, which you and Miss Diggs have sent and which will be most useful, here, and I can then arrange to have them all sent up to the Phelps-Stokes Fund office in the first week in August so that the copying can be done there. I note, by the way, that the material you have sent includes eleven additional pages. It will greatly add to the value of the material and I will have a table of contents at the beginning so that the various divisions may be easily consulted.

Again thanking you for your admirable preliminary work on the Encyclopaedia, which will prove I am sure invaluable, and looking forward to seeing you the end of the month, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

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Dr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copies to:
Dr. Du Bois
Professor Brawley
Phelps-Stokes Fund

P.S. -- I note that your Washington address for this coming year is to be 1011 O. Street, N.W. Telephone Potomac 5329-J.

Since receiving your letter I have had the best news of many a day, namely, from a letter which Professor Guy Johnson has written me, in which he says:

> "Thank you for your letter of July 6 telling me of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Encyclopedia of the Negro and of the desire of the Committee to have me serve as co-editor of the Encyclopedia.
>
> I have no objection to your presenting my name to the Advisory Board. When I return to Chapel Hill in August I shall take steps to find out what kind of relation I can maintain with the University of North Carolina in case I devote several years to the Encyclopedia work. I am reasonably sure that satisfactory arrangements can be made.
>
> I am struck by the amount of progress which has already been made, and I am glad that funds are being provided so that Dr. Du Bois can continue the work pending the successful outcome of the requests for full support of the project."

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 28, 1938

Miss Diggs,
Secretary to Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Miss Diggs:

As we have run short of Encyclopaedia of the Negro letterhead and will need quite a number for the circular letter Dr. Stokes is sending out to the Trustees, will you please mail him about 100 copies?

Very truly yours,
R. A. Malone
Secretary to
Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes

for W. E. B. Du Bois information.

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2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

August 2, 1938

41-128-37

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro held July 2nd, Professor Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina was unanimously elected co-Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro to serve with Professor W. E. B. Du Bois in place of Dr. Robert Ezra Park, resigned.

You will remember that we have had the help of Professor Park for a couple of years, and his name appears on this letterhead. It has been evident, however, from the first that we would in time need a younger man as Dr. Du Bois' associate, and Dr. Johnson was our first choice for this important post, both the white and colored members of the Committee agreeing that he was the best qualified man in the country to serve in this position. Dr. Du Bois concurs in this judgment.

The following is the record of Guy B. Johnson, Ph.D., Research Associate and Associate Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina:

Born at Caddo Mills (Hunt County), Texas, February 28, 1901. Education: local public school, completed 1917; B.A. from Baylor University, 1921; M.A. from University of Chicago, 1922; Ph.D. from University of North Carolina, 1927; education continued as postdoctoral Fellow of the Social Science Research Council, 1936-37, visiting at Chicago and at Yale. Teaching experience: Instructor in sociology, Ohio Wesleyan, 1922-23; Professor of history and sociology, Baylor College for Women, 1923-24; Research Associate and Associate Professor of sociology, University of North Carolina, 1927 to present; Special Lecturer at Swarthmore College Institute of Race Relations, summer 1934, and at Peabody College for Teachers, summer, 1935; Visiting Professor at Louisiana State University, summer, 1938. Research activities: M.A. thesis, University of Chicago, 1922, on "The New Ku Klux Klan Movement"; Ph.D. dissertation, University of North Carolina, 1927, on "The Musical Talent of Negroes"; pursued researches on the Negro and race relations as a member of the Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, since 1924; a member of the research staff to study the Negroes of St. Helena Island, S.C., in 1928; and engaged in various special researches for the Southern Interracial Commission, the President's Committee on Social Trends, etc. Researches have centered around following aspects of race and race relations: Negro folksongs, Negro music, Negro speech, musical talent, the Ku Klux Klan, Negro migration, Negro race consciousness, Negro leadership, the Negro press, civic and political participation by Negroes, and mixed-blood communities in the South. Publications: two books with Professor H.W. Odum: The Negro and His Songs, 1925, and Negro Workaday Songs, 1926; two other books, John Henry (Negro Strong-Man Legend), 1929, and Folk Culture on St. Helena Island, S.C., 1930; chapters in several books, such as Couch's Culture in the South, Steiner's The American Community in Action, Woofter's Races and Ethnic Groups in American Life; articles on various subjects indicated above published in Social Forces, American Journal of Sociology, American Anthropologist, Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology, Journal of Comparative Psychology, Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes, Southern Workman, Opportunity, Folk-Say, and several others. Trustee Howard University, Washington, D.C. Married and has two sons. Wife, Guion Griffis Johnson, has Ph.D. in

history and sociology, and has published two books, A Social History of the Sea Island 1930, and Ante-Bellum North Carolina, 1937. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are now working together on a book dealing with mixed-blood communities in the South with special reference to the Croatan Indians of North Carolina.

Professor Johnson has indicated that he will favorably consider an election to the position referred to. We are very anxious to have his election favorably acted upon both by our Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board in the next few weeks, so that when we present our appeal for funds to the Carnegie Corporation in September the interracial character of the Board, as originally planned, may be presented in concrete form showing the leadership of two scholars, one colored and one white, who should command universal respect.

You will be interested to know that owing to the effective efforts of Professor Du Bois and his assistant, Dr. Logan--who has just been called to a Professorship of History at Howard University--a very large amount of important preliminary work has been accomplished during the past two years, including the preparation of the following:

(1) An alphabetical list of the 1,353 major subjects which should be treated in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, including biographical notes under each; also classified lists.

(2) A list of the more prominent men with Negro blood, and of others identified with Negro progress who should be included.

(3) A tabulation of the approximate amount of space which should be given to the various subjects.

(4) A Bibliography of bibliographies dealing with the subject.

(5) A list of the more important collections of source material and special collections on the Negro in libraries at home and abroad.

(6) A long list of scholars in Europe, Africa and America who have given this project their hearty endorsement and who in most cases have offered to cooperate in the preparation of material for the Encyclopaedia.

(7) A memorandum on ways in which "objectivity" of treatment can be assured.

The securing of this material has been greatly aided by Dr. Du Bois' studies abroad last winter. We have also had the hearty support and advice of those responsible for the Dictionary of American Biography and the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences.

Dr. Du Bois is working at present on a list of the leading authorities both white and colored for each of the more important subjects to be treated in the Encyclopaedia.

The Phelps Stokes Fund is continuing to meet the modest budget necessary to carry this project pending its permanent financing.

Sincerely hoping that you may return this letter indicating that as a member of the Board you approve of Dr. Johnson's election, or that you may write to me in such other way as you may think advisable, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Chairman

41-128-38

Copy for Dr. DuBois
ABJ.

August 20, 1938

Dear Mr. Work:

I have received this morning, forwarded from Washington, your important letter of August 15th regarding the publishing of a Bibliography of the Negro in Africa covering the eleven year period from 1928 to 1938. I am delighted to know that you have this in mind and that you have accumulated some 15,000 references, nearly as many--17,000--as were in the original Bibliography. Of its general value and of its particular value to the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project, I have no question whatever.

Now for one or two questions and one or two comments; as to questions:

(1) Will you include references prior to 1928 which represented omissions in the original list? I sincerely hope so, for this would add greatly to the value of the publication.

(2) How much of the total $6000 needed in your judgment, based on experience with the original Bibliography, will be repaid; in other words how much do you need as a loan and how much, if any, as an out and out grant?

(3) What, if any, help have you already had ~~pledged~~ towards this project?

Now as to certain comments:

You know the limited resources of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, so I do not have to enlarge upon this, also that we have reduced to a relatively few thousand dollars our accumulated educational balance, so that we are not nearly in as favorable a position as we were a decade ago to help; also our income has been decreased as bond interest rates and income from other securities have declined. I want, however, most certainly to help in some way towards attaining your object if this proves feasible.

Our Board meets late in November and before that time I would like you to send me replies to the above questions and any other information that you think advisable. I note the full budget is as follows:

For clerical and secretarial help in the preparation of the manuscript for publication, assisting reading proof, preparing index, preparing list of periodicals from which references for the Bibliography are taken, etc.	2,500
For travel and other expenses of the Editor in connection with work in Washington and New York City Libraries, work with publishers in connection with the preparation of the manuscript for printing, work with expert proof reader, etc.	1,200
Expert Proof Reading	700
Underwriting the publication of the Bibliography	1,400
Miscellaneous	200
Total	$5,000

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I think that we could consider the $1,400 item of underwriting, which I assume is merely a publisher's guarantee, as it was in the past.

As to what more, if anything, we could consider doing, I do not feel clear, but you may be sure that we will approach the whole problem with real sympathy and desire to help in any way in our power.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Work, I am

Very sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

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Mr. Monroe N. Work, Editor
Negro Year Book
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Copy, with letter, for Phelps Stokes Fund
Copy for Dr. Du Bois

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Lenox, Massachusetts
August 31, 1938

41-1213-22

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I think you will doubtless remember that we have a meeting with Mr. Keppel at the Carnegie Corporation Office tomorrow, Thursday, at half past three. I shall be very glad if you could meet me at the Phelps-Stokes Fund office at two o'clock so that we may go over matters in advance. Please bring anything with you that you think important, although I have most of the material at the Office.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Anson Phelps Stokes
M.

Dictated but not signed by
Dr. Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

August 31, 1938

Dear Dr. Dillard:

Thank you for your letter of August 18th. Dr. Du Bois or I would be perfectly delighted to see you at any time regarding the Encyclopaedia and would profit by your counsel. He is at present in New York, 210 West 150th Street, but is planning to return to Atlanta some time in September. I am sure that you will be among those to whom he will wish to send certain tentative lists of subjects for consideration of omissions and modifications. I am delighted to say that I have heard already from two thirds of the Directors and they all, white and colored, approve of Professor Guy Johnson's election.

Dr. Du Bois and I are to see Mr. Keppel of the Carnegie Corporation tomorrow and are very hopeful. If we can get past them I think that now that we have our well balanced editorial Board assured, we may be able to take up the matter again effectively with the General Education Board in the Spring.

By all means when you are in Atlanta call on Dr. Du Bois. He would be delighted to see you and to talk over the whole Encyclopaedia project with you.

Sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dictated but not signed by
Dr. Stokes

Dr. J. H. Dillard
Box 317
Charlottesville, Virginia

Copy, with letter, for Phelps-Stokes Fund
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September 1, 1938

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, President
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Keppel:

As a memorandum of the visit which Dr. DuBois and I are to make by appointment to you this afternoon in the interest of the Encyclopedia of the Negro, I am reporting briefly on developments since we had our interview with you last summer:

1. You will remember that at your suggestion we had further interviews with Dr. Alvin Johnson and as a result presented, under date of November 17, 1937, a budget of $260,600, which was increased by our Executive Committee by $6,000 ($1,500 a year for four years), that is to $266,600, to make it possible to secure an outstanding white scholar as a full-time colleague rather than a mere assistant to Dr. DuBois at a salary of $7,500 a year instead of $6,000 as originally proposed. This was duly outlined to you in my letter of December 2, 1937.

2. Dr. James H. Dillard, the dean of workers in the field of race relations, under date of December 6, 1937, wrote a letter to Mr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board, of which a copy is enclosed, in which he said regarding the proposed Encyclopedia: "I am convinced that such a publication at this time would do more than anything else to advance the progress of the various activities in behalf of the education of the Negro and, incidentally, for the promotion of more complete interracial understanding." See Exhibit A.

3. The action of the Carnegie Corporation in the middle of the winter to the effect that the Corporation could not act favorably on the appeal during the present fiscal year. As this correspondence is in Washington I cannot quote exactly from your letter or give the exact date, but copies are of course in your files.

4. The preparation by Dr. DuBois of his remarkable Memorandum entitled "Scientific Impartiality and Objectivity of Negro Encyclopedia", showing how the editors of the Encyclopedia would approach their task of presenting the facts regarding the Negro and Race Relations in the most objective way possible. A copy of this Memorandum, dated February 25, 1938, is enclosed, marked Exhibit B.

5. The recommendation by the Officers of the General Education Board to the Board this spring, after mature investigation of the project,

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Lenox, Massachusetts
September 6, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
c/o The Harlem Y.M.C.A.
Harlem, New York City

41-128-23

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am forwarding you under separate cover the copy which Professor Seligman sent me of his Les Races De L'Afrique. Please use it in any way that you wish. It need not be returned to me. I have thanked Dr. Seligman for it. I think he told me that this French edition contains some material that was not in the original.

I came away from the meeting with Mr. Keppel very much encouraged.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Shepard Phelps

Copy for Dr. Du Bois--A.P.S.

Form of letter sent to all members of the Advisory Board

Washington, D.C.
September 13, 1938

Dear Dr. Malone:

You will perhaps remember that in the Constitution of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro there was included, with the approval of the various agencies concerned, the following clause, the section which I have underscored being of special importance:

> The Editorial Staff shall be chosen by the Board of Directors. <u>In case of the Editors such choice shall be made only with the consent of the Advisory Board.</u> The staff shall include two Editors and two Assistant Editors -- all of whom shall give full time service.

The following persons made up, by appointment of their respective organizations, this Advisory Board. All consented to serve.

American Council of Learned Societies,
Professor Dumas Malone
Professor Donald Young

American Council on Education,
Professor Alain Le Roy Locke
Dr. John Henry MacCracken

Commission on Interracial Cooperation,
Dr. Willis Duke Weatherford
Dr. David Dallas Jones

National Research Council,
Professor Melville J. Herskovits
Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons

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Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones

Atlanta University,
Professor Lorimer Douglas Milton
Professor Rayford W. Logan

Fisk University,
Dr. Thomas Elsa Jones
Professor Alruthers Ambush Taylor

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Howard University,
Dr. Abraham Flexner
Dr. Ernest Everett Just

Tuskegee Institute,
President F. D. Patterson
Dean W.T.B. Williams

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At a meeting of the Advisory Board, to which all representatives were invited a few years ago, W. E. B. Du Bois, Ph.D., Professor of Creative Literature at Atlanta University, was duly elected one of the Editors-in-Chief and Chairmen of the Board, and Robert Ezra Park, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago, was elected his associate, as you will see from the above letterhead. Dr. Park has resigned and it has become necessary to select a younger man to take his place.

The Executive Committee has unanimously recommended Professor Guy B. Johnson, Ph.D., Research Associate and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina. His election has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees and it is now being presented to the representatives on the Advisory Board for their approval.

I enclose copy of a letter which has been sent to all the Directors, giving full information regarding Professor Johnson. I may say that he is the first choice of the Board and its Officers, and he has assured us that he plans to accept this election.

Hoping that I may receive your vote at your early convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. Dumas Malone
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Telegrams, Nuneham-Courtenay.
Telephone, Nuneham-Courtenay 6.

27th September 1938

Court Leys,
Toot Baldon,
Oxford.

41/123/92

Dear Dr.Phelps Stokes,

I was very glad to hear from you again, because I had been waiting until, as I thought, you were likely to be back from your summer holiday to write to you on one matter connected with the proposed Negro Encyclopaedia. On my way home via Chicago & Toronto, I stopped at Cleveland for a few days,especially to see Wingate Todd. I had three extraordinarily interesting days at his Institute, which he put at my disposal, & had the opportunity of forming an estimate of the amount of material he has accumulated there bearing on the physical characters of the America negro. Naturally, in these circumstances, I discussed with him who was the man to make this material available for your Encyclopaedia, & I think I can say that he had no doubt that Dr.W.M.Cobb of Howard University was the right man. That at least is the impression I carried away, & if you think well you can take steps to confirm or refute it. I might add that I spent an hour or two with Dr.Cobb when I visited Howard University, & was greatly impressed by him & his depsrtment. I began to understand his high standard, which I confess surprised me, when I learnt that he had been a pupil of Wingate Todd. Anyway, although I do not know what arrangements you may have made, it seems worth while my letting you know that,so far as I could judge from my necessarily limited experience in the States, Cobb would be the right man to do the skeletal side of the physical anthropology of the American negro,

perhaps in collaboration with somebody working at Cleveland. I do feel that the Cleveland material ought to be utilised.

I am so glad you liked the book.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gg Seligman

Dr.A. Phelps Stokes,
Lenox,
Massachusetts,
U.S.A.

Has Dr Myrdal started yet?

October 1, 1938

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Dear Dr. Seligman:

I am specially obliged to you for your letter of September 27th regarding Dr. W. M. Cobb of Howard University as a competent scholar in the field of Negro physical anthropology. This is most interesting and important.

The returns received thus far from fourteen members of our Advisory Committee are all highly favorable to Professor Guy Johnson as Dr. Du Bois' associate, so I have every reason to believe that he will be chosen. I was particularly glad to have Professor Radcliffe Brown, now of Cambridge University, write that

"I strongly approve the election of Dr. Johnson."

I think I have told you that we had a very encouraging meeting with Mr. Keppel of the Carnegie Corporation, so I am most hopeful.

With kind regards, and thanking you for your excellent letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. C. G. Seligman
Court Leys
Toot Baldon
Oxford, England

Copy, with letter, for Dr. Du Bois

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 4, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

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I am forwarding you under separate cover some recent publications showing the work of the South African Institute of Race Relations, which has been perhaps the major Phelps-Stokes Fund interest in recent years in connection with Africa. I think its work under Dr. Rheinallt Jones is altogether admirable. These need not be returned.

You will be interested to know that I have heard from practically all the members of the Board of Trustees regarding Professor Guy Johnson and they are all favorable. I have also heard from fourteen members of the Advisory Committee, also all favorable. I enclose a letter from Professor Seligman, suggesting Dr. W. M. Cobb of Howard University, as a competent scholar in the field of Negro physical anthropology.

Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons in her letter approving of Professor Johnson's record, says:

> From a scientific point of view is your equipment for the Encyclopedia O.K.? It seems to me it would be well somehow to work in Herskovits who is the outstanding Africanist in this country. Robert H. Lowie, professor of anthropology at the University of California, is also an Africanist and a scholar.

I send this on for your information, together with a copy of my letter to her.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

October 4, 1938

41/12B/61

Dear Elsie:

Thank you so much for your two letters of September 28th.

Of course our Board of Directors of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro represents a broad group of publicists and scholars, and the scientific side will be provided mainly by the various Editors.

Herskovits, whom you mention, is much interested and on our Advisory Board. I have already had his approval of Professor Johnson's appointment.

I am glad to know about Lowie. In a letter received last week from Professor Seligman, who has been specially interested, he recommends Dr. W. M. Cobb of Howard University for the field of Negro physical anthropology. Dr. Du Bois and his associates are going to devote this winter mainly to trying to find out who the leading authorities are in each of the various fields to be covered.

As I gather you do not know Dr. Guy Johnson personally it may interest you that in a letter received from Dr. Radcliffe Brown of Cambridge University, who is on our Board of Directors, he says: "I strongly approve the election of Dr. Johnson."

We were sorry not to see you at Lenox this summer. We saw Elsie and her husband once or twice and they dined with us once.

Always sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons
Rye, New York

COPY

for W. Du Bois
A.U.

Washington, D. C.
October 10, 1938

A-112 B-63

Dear President Clement:

Atlanta University is one of the organizations which is helping to sponsor our Encyclopaedia of the Negro. President Hope was a member of the Board from the first and, as you know, Dr. Du Bois is the Chairman of our Board of Editors and Professor Logan was for several years his assistant in preliminary work.

Dr. Hope appointed as representatives of the Encyclopaedia Board from the University Professor Milton and Professor Logan. I wrote to Professor Logan asking for his endorsement, if approved, of Professor Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina as co-Editor with Dr. Du Bois of the Encyclopaedia and received a reply from him in which he said:

> "I am indebted to you for your recent communication concerning the qualifications of Dr. Guy Johnson as an editor of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro.
>
> While he seems to be admirably fitted for the post, I can not record an official opinion because I am no longer a representative of Atlanta University. May I suggest to you that you request President Clement to appoint some one in my place?
>
> My interest in the Encyclopaedia is as keen as ever, and I am always at your disposal."

I am not sure whether Atlanta University will prefer to name an additional representative, or whether, owing to Professor Logan's close association with this project you will prefer to have him continue to serve. It is a matter which you may of course decide entirely yourself. I shall be glad to be informed, however, as to your wish in this matter and if you decide to appoint someone in Dr. Logan's place I would be glad to be informed of his name.

I am, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

President Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

41-1213-25

In connection with preparing the budget of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for the meeting on November 16th, I want to make sure that I understand correctly about the Encyclopedia of the Negro. In the budget, as tentatively prepared, I have put down for the six month period ending July 1, 1939, one-half of your annual honorarium which will be $250, and one-half of the Atlanta Office expense, which includes Miss Diggs, $750, making a total of $1,000 to July 1, 1939, in addition to $200 at my disposal for possible conferences. Is this correct, or have you anything else to suggest?

I have now heard from nearly all of the American members of our Advisory Board and from one or two in Europe. They are all most favorable so I shall write to Professor Johnson, telling him of his appointment, before the end of this week, and shall also notify Dr. Keppel.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS
RLH

November 4, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have been planning to write you at length just as soon as I could get my academic work here started and I shall outline my plans later.

First answering your letter of November first I beg to say that your estimate of one thousand dollars for the six months period ending July first is quite according to my plans.

41-128-26

Mr. Jackson Davis, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Raymond Fosdick have been at the University this fall. In the case of Mr. Stevens I just had a chance at greeting. I talked a little with Mr. Davis and he mentioned the Encyclopaedia and wanted me to bring it up in my talk with two interesting Swedish professors who are in America and planning a study of the Negro under the Carnegie Foundation. I did so. Mr. Fosdick came to my recitation room for just a minute and later I met him at dinner at Miss Read's house. Of course there was no chance for bringing up the Encyclopaedia project but he was very cordial and recalled our mutual friends and my meeting him once before.

I am glad to know that you have heard from most of the members of our Advisory Board. I am keeping in touch with Mr. Logan and going to ask him to do some work for the Encyclopaedia this fall.

My work this fall so far has been in the final re-writing and preparing of my book "Black Folk, Then and Now". The writing of this book has given me an opportunity in the last two years of reviewing pretty thoroughly the literature on the Negro in all parts of the world and I have set it down in a book of between three and four hundred pages which will be a resume of the present knowledge of Negro history. The work has been of inestimable value to me in making me familiar with the subject. I shall finish

the manuscript this month and then turn to the matter of leading authorities on various phases of Negro history and sociology.

I trust this will find you well. By the way, Mr. Fosdick mentioned the fact that he was always glad to have you visit him because you radiated so much optimism.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 17, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The enclosed letter, although it bears the November 17th date, was dictated on the 15th before I went to the Phelps-Stokes Fund meeting. At that meeting great regret was expressed at our failure up to the present to finance the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project, but at the same time there was a determination not to give it up at this time and to make sure that if we cannot finance it, all the results of the work done by you, Dr. Logan and others should be conserved in some such way as I have outlined in the postscript, where you will notice that the very first object of getting this material together is to put it into such impressive form that it may appeal to some Foundation.

41-128-27

In view of these new developments I am most anxious to have a conference with you and Professor Johnson at the earliest possible date. I would, of course, invite Professor Brawley and other local members of our Executive Committee. My purpose is to consider the whole situation and particularly to see how we can go forward this winter in putting the bibliographical material into shape, including the proposed new lists of authorities on all subjects.

I secured from the Phelps-Stokes Fund an additional appropriation, to be used in my discretion, of $1,500 so as to carry us up to January first on the present basis, leaving $500 for an honorarium to Dr. Johnson and $500 for printing and mimeographing expenses of the proposed volume, which I believe will be an invaluable next step whatever else we are able to do.

In view of the above would you be good enough to write me promptly what two or three alternative dates you could give to us in Washington between now and Christmas? As soon as I have heard from you I will send these dates to Professor Johnson and choose whichever one is most convenient to him, meeting, of course, your travelling expenses and his on to the Washington conference. I feel sure that it will be distinctly worth while.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. Mr. Roy tells me that you have not yet let him know where the copies of the revised bibliographical lists are to be sent. If you will send him such word he will see that they are forwarded to the addresses given. Of course Professor Johnson should have one of these as it is a matter of vital permanent importance that this admirable list should be made as inclusive and accurate as possible.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copies to:
Dr. Jones, Professor Johnson, Professor Brawley

I presume that some Saturday would be best.

Enclosure

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 17, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 4th. I think that your work on "Black Folk, Then and Now" will be invaluable to the whole Encyclopaedia project.

I thoroughly approve of your going right ahead with making out the list of the best authorities in every field, and I think I would also try to do some work in further expanding Dr. Logan's excellent bibliographical lists.

41-1218-28

Having said the above I must now tell you that I have received a great disappointment. I enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. Keppel, together with carbon copy of my reply. I think that they are self-explanatory, but I hope you will agree with me that my postscript is constructive and that we must go right ahead just exactly as though we were hoping to finance the whole project this year. Indeed, I am inclined to try to get the Phelps-Stokes Fund, from its small remaining educational balance, to authorize me to give a small appropriation, say $500, to Dr. Johnson for the year, and to arrange to continue you and Miss Diggs up to the first of 1939, if necessary, so that we can get all this material in the very best possible form. It will prove invaluable for the purposes that I have mentioned, especially as I feel pretty sure I can get the Phelps-Stokes Fund to publish it.

In this connection, if you have not received the copies of the revised bibliographical lists which Mr. Roy's daughter typed during the summer, let me know and I will send them to you as I am most anxious that the work of revision and expanding these lists shall be carried on effectively during the winter. I believe that perhaps I could make arrangements with Professor Johnson to have one of his students help in this work. It would be well to get his knowledge and point of view in connection with the development of these lists.

I hope you will think my views constructive and sound. Please write me fully, resting assured that I believe that even if we do not finance and carry through the entire project, what you and Professor Logan have done if put in the form I have suggested, will be a very important contribution to scholarship and interracial advancement.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Copies to:
Dr. Jones
Professor Guy Johnson
Professor Brawley

COPY for Dr. DuBois
~~for P.A. Fund~~ a.P.S.

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New York

Office of the President

November 9, 1938

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Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Anson

I wish someone else in the office had to write this letter, but it's clearly up to me. Last week, we had a long meeting of our Trustees, in which a decision was reached as to the larger proposals before the Board that should be retained for further consideration or removed from the active list. The reason why this letter is hard to write is because the Encyclopedia of the Negro fell into the latter group. As you are a Board member yourself, you will realize that I cannot properly give you the details of the discussion, but I can tell you that there was a real discussion and, right or wrong, the decision reached was clear-cut.

Sincerely yours,

F. P. KEPPEL

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Cy for Dr. DuBois
A.M.

[enclosure]

November 14, 1938

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Dear Fred:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 9th. You can well imagine how disappointed I am, but I do appreciate the fact that the matter was fully and carefully discussed. Strangely enough, I was about to write you to say that the nomination by our Executive Committee of Professor Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina as co-Editor had been confirmed both by the Trustees and by the Advisory Board. I was waiting until I had heard from our Board members abroad, but Radcliffe Brown at Cambridge, Lord Lugard in London, and Monsieur Labouret in Paris have now all approved most heartily his election.

It is rather hard to know just what to do next. I have never felt clearer about anything in my life than as to the need of such an Encyclopaedia. I see it every day and I think we have a set-up which would be a very effective one, and have secured a degree of cooperation which is quite remarkable. I realize that some people who only knew Dr. Du Bois in the period when he was a fighting Editor may find it difficult to realize his objectivity, but I am sure that you are as convinced of this as I am. We shall go right along during the winter, as we have in the past--Dr. Du Bois and his secretary with such assistance as Professor Johnson and others can secure, devoting their time to preparing a list of those scholars in the world who are best qualified to deal with the different subjects in the Encyclopaedia and developing our Bibliographical reference material.

Of one thing I feel reasonably certain. An Encyclopaedia of the Negro is such a desideratum that it is sure to be published some time, and whenever that time comes the material that has been brought together will be absolutely invaluable. I also think that the whole scope and plan of the Encyclopaedia will represent a permanent contribution towards the ultimate solution of the problem.

With the Rockefeller Board and the Carnegie Board--the two on which we most counted for help--having decided (at least for the present) that they cannot grant money to the enterprise, it is difficult to know where to turn, but I am still hopeful that we may find some individual, or group, or foundation that may feel as Dr. Dillard does, that the carrying out of this enterprise represents the greatest possible opportunity open to us today to advance the cause of the Negro and to promote interracial good will.

I want you to know how heartily we appreciate your kind consideration of the matter, and feel sure that if you ever think of any way in which the plan can be improved or made more likely of general acceptance, you will let us know.

Again thanking you and your Board for your consideration of our project, I am

Always sincerely yours,

P.S. Of course we shall go right ahead in trying to adequately finance the Encyclo-

paedia project in accordance with our original plan. If this does not prove to be feasible we shall arrange, I think, to have the material assembled by Dr. Du Bois and Dr. Logan and the bibliographical lists, with references, still further revised and expanded, mimeographed, and made available to scholars. I think that the Phelps-Stokes Fund could probably finance such an undertaking. It would serve four purposes:

(1) It would put all our outline material--well classified--in a volume whose significance might appeal to some Foundation or philanthropist.

(2) It would be a valuable work of reference with its extensive bibliographical lists, etc., to any one wishing to study any phase of Negro history or development.

(3) It would be of vital help to our group or any succeeding group which is able later to finance the full Encyclopaedia project.

(4) It would be a permanent record of interracial cooperation for it would contain as a supplement a history of the movement and some of the more important memoranda.

As I have indicated, this will only be a last resort, but it would at least conserve permanently all the work that has been put thus far into the project and make it available for further use. We could have perhaps one hundred copies which the Phelps-Stokes Fund could send to libraries and specially interested people and I would feel that by making available our various bibliographical and other records in a single bound volume it would make all our expenditures of time and money well worth while.

~~Sincerely yours,~~

~~ANSON PHELPS STOKES~~

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, President
The Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 19, 1938

41-128-29

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Here is a much more encouraging letter from Mr. Keppel. It certainly holds out hope and we must prepare the strongest possible memorandum on the need for a separate Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I hope to hear promptly from you about a couple of Saturdays that would be free so that I can make arrangements with Professor Johnson and we can have a good meeting together with the Executive Committee.

Always sincerely yours,

Susan Keppel Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION
of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York

November 17, 1938

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Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Anson

Thank you for your kind and forbearing letter of the 14th. Post-mortems are usually unprofitable, but I would like to make it clear in this instance that the trouble in my Board did not rise from memories of Du Bois as a firebrand, but from a general feeling that the idea of a specialized Negro Encyclopaedia at all was a mistake.

Suppose I lay your letter aside until one of the meetings of the Executive Committee in the spring, and then bring the matter up for informal reconsideration. I don't know what the result will be, but I'm sure it will be better tactics than to try to reopen the question now.

Sincerely yours,

F. P. KEPPEL

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COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

November 21, 1938

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Dear Fred:

Thanks immensely for your letter of November 17th. I think you are undoubtedly right that the matter of the Encyclopaedia should not be reopened at present with the Carnegie Corporation. I appreciate your willingness to take it up some time next year with your Executive Committee.

It was good of you to tell me the point that caused difficulty with your Board, namely, the question of the advisability of a distinctive encyclopaedia devoted to the Negro. This is a matter to which we gave a great deal of consideration in the early days, but we decided that just as there was a Catholic Encyclopaedia and a Jewish Encyclopaedia, so it was distinctly advisable that there should be a Negro Encyclopaedia, especially as the Negroes form the most important and distinctive minority racial group in this country and the problems of white-colored contacts the world over. The enclosed brief memorandum prepared by Dr. Du Bois in 1937 touches on the point you have raised, but I will get Dr. Du Bois and Professor Guy Johnson to prepare a special memorandum on this subject. We shall go ahead and get all of our material in excellent shape and I think by a year from this Fall we will be able to present a book to you and your colleagues giving all the material we have thus far collected, together with the expansion and revision of the bibliographical lists and the list of leading authorities in every field. It should be an impressive document and will, I hope, lead your Foundation to aid in getting this great project started. We have profitted by every question and criticism raised thus far and plan to continue to do so, but the process cannot be continued too long if we are to avail ourselves of Dr. Du Bois' invaluable services in the actual editorial work.

are highly important

Soon after writing you I heard from our South African representatives, Dr. Rheinallt Jones and Professor Jabavu, both heartily supporting Professor Johnson's nomination. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Du Bois are to meet with our Executive Committee here in a few weeks to talk over the whole project.

Again thanking you for your fine letter, and assuring you that now that we have Professor Guy Johnson's acceptance we shall go ahead with perfecting our bibliographical material and plans in the hope that by early next Fall we shall have something "irresistible" for the fresh consideration of Carnegie and Rockefeller Boards!, I am

Very sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. Frederick Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 22, 1938

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Stokes has asked me to ask you to please note that in the third paragraph, ninth line, of his letter to you under date of November 17th "the first of 1939" should read "the first of 1940."

Sincerely yours,

R. A. Malone
Secretary to
Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copies to:
Dr. Jones, Professor Guy Johnson, Professor Brawley

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

November 25, 1938

411/28/71

Professor Guy B. Johnson
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thanks for your fine letter of November 22nd. I am sending a copy of it to Dr. Du Bois.

He writes me that the best time for him to come to Washington for our meeting would be January 21st or 28th, but that he could come, if necessary, December 10th or 17th. Will you kindly let me know which date would be most convenient for you?

I think we ought to have the meeting this Fall if possible as there is a good deal of work to be done before Summer. My own preferences would be in this order:

December 17th
December 10th
January 21st

I agree with you that Washington is the best place for the Encyclopaedia headquarters and I fully believe that we could arrange so that you could run down occasionally to the University and that your relations would not have to be entirely broken.

Dr. Keppel's second letter was certainly much less discouraging. I enclose copy of a letter that I have written this morning to Dr. Jackson Davis.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

COPY

for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

November 23, 1938

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My dear Mr. Davis:

I am forwarding to you herewith some more recent correspondence with Mr. Keppel. I was perfectly delighted to get his own suggestion after receiving my letter of the 14th that he would be glad to take the matter up again with his Executive Committee in the Spring. My own thought is that we would best not try to take it up with his Board or your Board again until next Fall, and until we get out this Preliminary or Prospectus volume of the Encyclopaedia which can go out under the names of Dr. Du Bois and Dr. Guy Johnson. I enclose copy of a fine letter that I have just received from him.

We will of course prepare a special memorandum dealing with the point which Mr. Keppel raises, namely, the need of a separate Encyclopaedia of the Negro. A striking example of this need has just been brought to my attention, namely, that Professor Sorolin of Harvard, in his textbook on Sociology published in 1928, states:

> "The negro and other inferior races show intellectual ability only in proportion to their percentage of white blood."

We are to have a meeting of our Executive Committee here in the near future. I want to get everything in fine shape this winter so that under the new set-up we can take the matter up in the most effective way possible in the Fall. Your suggestions and advice will be invaluable.

Always sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

Encs.

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

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November 25, 1938

Dear Dr. Loram:

I have your letter of November 23rd. I think your proposed distribution of the old copies of the "University Hymns" an admirable one.

If this disposition does not work out you might think of Yale-in-China, or if this is not feasible, owing to the close associations which have always existed between Yale and the American Board, you might offer them to the American Board for some of its institutions in the South.

I am so glad to know that your son-in-law is improving.

My wife and her sister, Miss Mitchell, spent six solid hours yesterday--Thanksgiving Day afternoon--looking over family letters. They are picking out all that have anything of special interest. Some have paragraphs that throw a sidelight on Dr. Lindley's character or on his work. I enclose a small group herewith, together with a wonderful photograph of Mrs. Lindley.

Always sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

P.S. The Carnegie Corporation did not act favorably on our request at its recent meeting, in fact transferred the request from the active file. I have had, however, a very nice letter from Mr. Keppel, who says that he plans to take the matter up again with the Executive Committee in the Spring. Johnson has definitely accepted the Associate Editorship and we shall have a meeting here on a Saturday in a few weeks. We have a special appropriation from the Phelps-Stokes Fund to go ahead with the publishing of a prospectus volume which will be ready next Fall, giving our revised Bibliographical lists, the names of authorities for the subjects, and on other matters, on which Dr. Du Bois and Professor Johnson will work this winter. I hope that one or two of your students can work on the revision of the bibliography when Dr. Du Bois sends it to you.

Dr. C. T. Loram
Department of Education
28 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

COPY for Dr. DuBois
a.P.

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD
49 West 49th Street, New York City

November 26, 1938

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Dear Dr. Stokes:

Thank you for yours of the 23rd enclosing the very interesting correspondence with Dr. Keppel regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. The question of dealing with the Negro in a separate category is one on which there is considerable difference of opinion, but clearly there is a need of a reasonably authoritative statement dealing with the present situation in various parts of the world. The growing interest in social studies in our southern colleges and the readiness of an increasing number of people to consider Negro life from an intellectual rather than from a traditional viewpoint does make it desirable to have more readily available information than it is now possible to obtain. The quotation from Prof. Sorolin is very revealing.

I appreciate your keeping me in touch with your plans and I should be glad to talk with you at your convenience about the undertaking.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JACKSON DAVIS

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 30, 1938

41-1213-30

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I find from Dr. Johnson that the January dates are also more convenient for him for a meeting of our Encyclopaedia of the Negro Executive Committee, so I will call a meeting for the first of the January dates you mentioned, namely, January 21st.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Copy for Dr. Johnson

December 2, 1938

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I shall be on hand January 21. Enclosed you will find a memorandum of the proposed work which this office could carry on during the year 1938-39 and possibly 1939-40.

In connection with this I have been thinking of the future of Miss Diggs. Of course she will stay this year but I could hardly ask her to stay for a part year in 1939-40 as she has had several offers. It has occurred to me, however, that possibly she might make application to the Rosenwald Fund for a scholarship and spend a year or even two years working on the Encyclopaedia especially in the matter of subjects to be treated, authorities who are acquainted with the subjects and bibliographies. There is a large field here in spite of all we may be able to do this year. At any rate I think I will have her send in the application and then if we could keep her through 1939-40 she might, if successful, take up the fellowship another year. At any rate I want to keep her in this work as long as there is any reasonable possibility of the plan of the Encyclopaedia going through. In case she does apply, could she refer to you as knowing something of her work?

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Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

[enclosure]

Memorandum on proposed work for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro for the year 1938-39 and 1939-40:

1. I am sending Mr. Roy the first of a list of 116 persons to whom copies of the suggested subjects to be treated by an Encyclopaedia of the Negro may be sent. From time to time I shall send further lists until the 200 copies have been sent out. Meantime I shall follow up with reminder letters the copies sent out, and at the same time begin myself to go over again the list of subjects, taking into account the criticism and suggestions received.

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2. My knowledge of Africa and the Negro has been increased within the last two years by a detailed study of the history and present condition of every considerable group of Negroes in the world except those in Asia. For this purpose I have consulted a very large portion of recent literature as well as older and better known works. Much of this literature is now on my shelves.

   The result of the study has been incorporated in a book which Henry Holt and Company will publish in 1939, BLACK FOLK; THEN AND NOW. This is not a contribution to an encyclopaedia nor on the encyclopaedic plan. It expresses personal opinions and doubtless comes to many conclusions with which a board of editors would not wholly agree. An encyclopaedia expresses knowledge and facts concerning which there is a reasonable concensus of opinion among scholars. My book is personal but will have value as a guide to literature and as the conclusions of one student.

3. I shall next endeavor with the help of my colleagues and secretary and such other collaboration as I can get, especially Dr. Logan, to propose an adjustment of space for the various articles in the encyclopaedia and complete a list of persons who are leading authorities and might write on the subject. For this purpose it will be necessary to consult libraries, other encyclopaedias, compilations, books and magazines.

4. I shall prepare for the information of the Carnegie board and others a statement of reasons why an Encyclopaedia of the Negro is advisable and possible.

5. We have made a list of the libraries and collections where the chief Negro Americana and Africana can be found. This should be supplemented by a careful bibliography of books and articles, past and present, written on the Negro and some indication of their value as sources for the use of editors and writers for the Encyclopaedia.

6. There are being made today a number of important studies of the Negro. Some are already finished but unpublished as in the case of Dr. Logan's DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HAITI; others are in process of being written as Mr. Kennedy's study of SLAVERY IN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES. Systematic correspondence might locate such studies, whether finished or planned and also the necessity and value of encouraging students to make studies in certain

directions where exact knowledge is lacking might be brought to the attention of universities and funds. For instance: studies of the Negro in the valley of the Nile, in ancient, medieval and modern times; study of the Negro tribes, additional studies of the history and present social conditions among Negroes in East, West and South Africa; especially studies of Negroes and mulattoes in the various West Indian islands and in South America; much of the latest data of anthropological and ethnographical research in regard to the Negro needs to be located and made accessible; something might be done toward anticipating plans for the census of 1940 so as to make certain adequate data and compilations which are not usually made concerning the Negro race; indeed this might go further and the government might be induced to make certain compilations of past census data which have never been made.

7. In the matter of biographies, encyclopaedias usually prepare the main data in their offices under editorial supervision. Much of this gathering of data and indication of sources might be done in the case of the large number of the biographies which the Encyclopaedia of the Negro must have written. It would be a great saving of time and energy if when the encyclopaedia is actually started, we could put in the hands of persons who are to write particular biographies or of members of the staff a careful compilation of the chief facts in the life of the person treated and a list of the sources of information. There are probably other more or less routine subjects in which similar preliminary work could be done; for instance, maps of the distribution of the Negro in ancient, medieval and modern times are conspicuously lacking. Map collections could be searched to locate such maps.

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All of the above subjects could not, of course, be attempted in a year or two, with the available funds and workers, but a considerable amount of work could be done and the net result would be to increase the accessibility of knowledge concerning the Negro and put it in such shape that it could be immediately used.

8. Finally, it would be well, as Dr. Stokes has suggested, to prepare a publication for print or mimeographing of the main matters which we can finish say by the end of 1939. This would probably include a list of subjects to be treated; the reasons for compiling such an encyclopaedia; the main bibliographical sources of information; and perhaps some indication of the persons who are authorities in the various fields.

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   The result of the study has been incorporated in a book which Henry Holt and Company will publish in 1939, BLACK FOLK; THEN AND NOW. This is not a contribution to an encyclopaedia nor on the encyclopaedic plan. It expresses personal opinions and doubtless comes to many conclusions with which a board of editors would not wholly agree. An encyclopaedia expresses knowledge and facts concerning which there is a reasonable concensus of opinion among scholars. My book is personal but will have value as a guide to literature and as the conclusions of one student.

3. I shall next endeavor with the help of my colleagues and secretary and such other collaboration as I can get, especially Dr. Logan, to propose an adjustment of space for the various articles in the encyclopaedia and complete a list of persons who are leading authorities and might write on the subject. For this purpose it will be necessary to consult libraries, other encyclopaedias, compilations, books and magazines.

4. I shall prepare for the information of the Carnegie board and others a statement of reasons why an Encyclopaedia of the Negro is advisable and possible.

5. We have made a list of the libraries and collections where the chief Negro Americana and Africana can be found. This should be supplemented by a careful bibliography of books and articles, past and present, written on the Negro and some indication of their value as sources for the use of editors and writers for the Encyclopaedia.

6. There are being made today a number of important studies of the Negro. Some are already finished but unpublished as in the case of Dr. Logan's DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HAITI; others are in process of being written as Mr. Kennedy's study of SLAVERY IN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES. Systematic correspondence might locate such studies, whether finished or planned and also the necessity and value of encouraging students to make studies in certain

directions where exact knowledge is lacking might be brought to the attention of universities and funds. For instance: studies of the Negro in the valley of the Nile, in ancient, medieval and modern times; study of the Negro tribes, additional studies of the history and present social conditions among Negroes in East, West and South Africa; especially studies of Negroes and mulattoes in the various West Indian islands and in South America; much of the latest data of anthropological and ethnographical research in regard to the Negro needs to be located and made accessible; something might be done toward anticipating plans for the census of 1940 so as to make certain adequate data and compilations which are not usually made concerning the Negro race; indeed this might go further and the government might be induced to make certain compilations of past census data which have never been made.

7. In the matter of biographies, encyclopaedias usually prepare the main data in their offices under editorial supervision. Much of this gathering of data and indication of sources might be done in the case of the large number of the biographies which the Encyclopaedia of the Negro must have written. It would be a great saving of time and energy if when the encyclopaedia is actually started, we could put in the hands of persons who are to write particular biographies or of members of the staff a careful compilation of the chief facts in the life of the person treated and a list of the sources of information. There are probably other more or less routine subjects in which similar preliminary work could be done; for instance, maps of the distribution of the Negro in ancient, medieval and modern times are conspicuously lacking. Map collections could be searched to locate such maps.

All of the above subjects could not, of course, be attempted in a year or two, with the available funds and workers, but a considerable amount of work could be done and the net result would be to increase the accessibility of knowledge concerning the Negro and put it in such shape that it could be immediately used.

8. Finally, it would be well, as Dr. Stokes has suggested, to prepare a publication for print or mimeographing of the main matters which we can finish say by the end of 1939. This would probably include a list of subjects to be treated; the reasons for compiling such an encyclopaedia; the main bibliographical sources of information; and perhaps some indication of the persons who are authorities in the various fields.

December 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Roy:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to send you the enclosed list of eighty-seven persons to whom copes of the list of Encyclopaedia subjects may be sent.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

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17-15-34

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

I just received your letter of December 6th with a list of 127 persons to whom you wish copies of the "List of Encyclopaedia Subjects" sent. I also note that you are writing to each of these persons, no doubt saying that the list will be sent to them.

I am replying by return mail to say that if the list of subjects you have in mind is the volume which we mimeographed last summer, then we have only 22 copies available. If it is some other list then I shall have to request you to give me more specific advice so that I may know just what is intended.

If you have in mind the list duplicated last summer and will send me the names of 22 persons who should have them, I should be glad to mail the 22 copies on hand promptly.

My recollection is that in our conversation with Dr. Stokes in October he suggested that we should send out only 17 copies immediately and hold 4 or 5 copies for any need that might arise before a new volume is available.

I am sending Dr. Stokes a copy of this letter so that you and he may decide what is to be done and send me instructions.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Roy

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Copy to Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

December 12, 1938

17-15-32

My dear Mr. Roy:

I don't know why I came to make the extraordinary error about the number of copies of the Encyclopaedia list mimeographed. Enclosed find nineteen names of persons to whom I would be glad for you to send the copies. I am sending letters to these persons.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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December 12, 1938

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Roy. I don't know how on earth I made such a mistake. The nineteen addresses have been sent and letters to those persons mailed.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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December 12, 1938

My dear Mr._____

You know that for sometime a group here has been considering the advisability of editing and publishing an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Considerable preliminary work has been done and although the financial question of the final publishing of this work has not yet been settled, we are still hopeful. Meantime in collaboration with Dr. R. W. Logan (Ph.D. in history, Harvard), I have prepared a tentative list of subjects which such an encyclopaedia might treat. There have been, I am sure, numbers of obvious omissions and on the other hand there are subjects which might be included or omitted according to the knowledge and opinions of various individuals who are experts on certain phases of the subjects. I am venturing, therefore, to send you a copy of this list with the request that, if possible and at your leisure, you glance through it and make any suggestions that may occur to you. I trust you may find time for this and let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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December 12, 1938

12-15-36

My dear Mr.

I am asking the office of the Phelps Stokes Fund to send you a copy of a list of subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro could treat. This list has been prepared by myself and Dr. R. W. Logan. It is, of course, tentative as all such lists must be and there are, we are sure, many obvious omissions. Besides that there are many subjects which might be included which are matters of opinion or emphasis. If you can possibly spend the time, I would be glad if you would glance through this list and make any suggestions of additional subjects or of omissions that may occur to you. I hope you will let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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December 15, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
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Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I owe you many apologies for my delay in replying to your very important letter of December 2nd with its memorandum. Let me answer your various questions in order:

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(1) As to Miss Diggs. We are able, under our Budget, to continue her for the year 1939 (that is up to January 1, 1940) on the same budget as this year, so I hope that she may continue with you as she has proved so valuable.

(2) As to the mimeographed copies made at the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office last Fall of your Bibliographical lists and certain other documents, there was evidentaly a misunderstanding which your correspondence with Mr. Roy has cleared up as you never asked for over twenty ~~six~~ copies, and I think we made a few more. If you need more than the seventeen copies that are now being made available and think it very important, I will see how much it will cost to have additional copies duplicated. I consider it a matter of great importance to have the check up on these invaluable lists for further improvements prior to our final presentation of our appeal to the Foundations next Fall.

(3) I appreciate the difference which you mention between your personal point of view and your editorial attitude. I like your statement that whereasyou can in your own published work give your personal conclusions,"An encyclopaedia expresses knowledge and facts concerning which there is a reasonable concensus of opinion among scholars."

(4) I think it very important to get Professor Johnson at work as a collaborator because I think that it will greatly help our presentation to the Foundations if we can say that various things represent the best of scholarship and the opinion both of yourself and of Dr. Johnson. This is why I have written him the enclosed letter, which I am forwarding through you, to make sure that it meets with your approval. If you wish to add anything in sending it on, it will be entirely all right. If, on the other hand, you would like me to re-draft it, I would be glad to take into account any considerations that you may feel like making.

(5) My own judgment is that the most important thing for us this year is the making out of a list of the leading authorities in the world on the different subjects and amplifying our bibliographical list of subjects. The former will be an entirely new piece of work and it will require a large amount of thought and time.

(6) Next to these I think the most important thing is to get out the memorandum on "Why an Encyclopaedia of the Negro is Advisable," and this too, I think, should represent the joint opinion of Professor Johnson and yourself.

(7) As to Africa, I think that most of our work will have to be done by European scholars because so few people in this country have done the necessary research work in the field. I am of the opinion that more scholarly work has been done on the African tribes than we generally realize, although you must have checked this matter up in preparation for your new book. I should think that the Institute of African Languages and Cultures could help us greatly in this matter as far as bibliographies and authorities are concerned. I think we must give very careful consideration to an Associate Editor on African matters who will carry weight with scholars abroad.

The above are all matters that we can talk over at our meeting on January 21st. I am sorry that it has to be put so late, but an earlier date did not seem convenient for the persons most concerned.

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I am enclosing a copy of this letter for Professor Johnson which can go to him with the letter I have addressed to him if this seems to you satisfactory.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

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P.S. I wonder if your old stationery is not nearly exhausted? If so, let me know and I will get out a new letterhead with the changes to date in substituting Professor Johnson for Dr. Park and the one or two changes in the Board. Furthermore, I find that it is the South African Institute of Race Relations, rather than the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, which is represented by Rheinallt Jones and Professor Jabavu.

December 20, 1938

12-15-21

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letter of December 15. I have forwarded the letter which you enclosed to Professor Johnson with a note, a copy of which is enclosed.

We still have over five hundred sheets of Encyclopaedia paper and envelopes. I suggest that I let the printer here blot out Dr. Park's name and add Dr. Guy B. Johnson and also make the change to South African Institute of Race Relations as I have indicated on the enclosed sheet. I think it could be done neatly. However, if you would prefer to have a new letterhead printed, it would be quite all right.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
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December 23, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Stokes has asked me to thank you for your note of December 20th and to say that he thinks for the time being the best thing to do is to make the changes on your letterhead, as suggested. Perhaps it will be well to put "deceased" after Professor Johnson's name.

Very sincerely yours,

Rosalie A. Malone

Secretary to
Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
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OPY

for W. E. B. Du Bois
a.P.J.

Washington, D. C.

December 27, 1937

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Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Stokes:

This is with further reference to the Encyclopaedia of the Negro concerning which you recently wrote me.

I have looked further into the project and am impressed with its timeliness and worth. You seem to have taken every safeguard that will insure a useful and scholarly publication, and a sound enterprise. The plan as outlined should commend itself to all persons who are interested in the welfare of Negroes in particular and of the Nation in general.

It is sincerely hoped that you will be able to find the necessary funds with which to carry through your program.

Very cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner

December 29, 1938

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Roy:

I enclose herewith a letter received from Dr. Johnson under date of December 26th and copy of his letter to Dr. Du Bois under the same date. Will you please see that $250.00 is sent him in January and $250 in July, this being the honorarium we have proposed for the year for his services as co-Editor with Dr. Du-Bois of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro? He is going to help us greatly in revising and enlarging the bibliographical list of subjects, in helping Dr. DuBois list the leading authorities in every field as possible contributors, and in other ways.

Sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

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Copies to:
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12-15-47

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My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am writing with reference to two matters, namely:

1. The Mimeographed Encyclopaedia Lists have been sent to the 19 persons whose names and addresses you sent to us.

2. At the meeting of the Trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund on November 16, 1938, the sum of $2,700.00 was appropriated toward the work of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro as follows:

Appro. No. 68:	a. Honorarium to Dr. Du Bois for 1939 - . . .	$500.00
	b. Honorarium to Dr. Johnson " " - . . .	500.00
	c. Atlanta Office Expenses, including Miss Diggs	1,000.00
	d. Compilation, duplication, binding and distribution of material	500.00
	e. Conferences & expenses of Chairman . . .	200.00
	Total:	$2,700.00

I understand from Dr. Stokes that Dr. Johnson's honorarium is to be sent directly to him at intervals during the year.

A quarterly-payment on items a., c., and possibly d., will be due very early in January 1939. In accordance with our present understanding we are to send to you in January 1/4 of items a. ($125.00) and c. ($250.00), totaling $375.00; and to hold items d. and e. to meet the special expenses of the purposes indicated above.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Stokes with the request that both you and he decide particularly how item d., is to be disbursed and also to affirm the above proposals if they are correct.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Roy. (see attached letter)

L. A. Roy.

for Dr. Rheinallt Jones
from a Cape Town
paper - about March 1951
A.P.S.

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NATIVE AS VARSITY LECTURER

CAPE TOWN APPROVAL OF RAND APPOINTMENT

"SIGN OF THE CHANGING SPIRIT"

Comment is made by a correspondent in the "Burger" to-day on the appointment of a native on the staff of the Department of Bantu studies at the University of the Witwatersrand.

The letter, which is headed "Native as Lecturer," and signed by Frank D. Pienaar, Graspan, Deval, Transvaal, complains that white students should receive their education from a native.

"Is not this going too far?" he asks. "Where are things going to if it is going to continue that the white man should receive his knowledge of native affairs from a native? . . . Is this the solution of the native problem?"

Inquiries made by a representative of The Argus to-day showed that the native referred to is B. W. Vilikazi, a B.A. (external) of the University of South Africa and a prize-winner of the International Institute of African Languages and Culture. He has been appointed "Bantu languages assistant" and he will deal more particularly with the practical side of language teaching, such as conversation, reading and composition. He is a Zulu poet.

CAPE TOWN VIEWS

Inquiries made in Cape Town to-day showed that the step taken by the University of the Witwatersrand is regarded here by those interested in native affairs as a great step forward.

Mr. W. G. Bennie, former Chief Inspector of Native Education, who, since his retirement has been occupied with numerous publications in native languages, said that the appointment was a wise and appropriate one. It was far better that tuition should be given by a man who actually spoke the language from birth than by one who had learnt it later on in life. The man who spoke it from birth knew the idioms and especially the niceties of tone which played such an important part in Bantu languages. Slight differences in intonation might make a great difference in meaning. This was particularly so in the case of Xosa. The difficulty, however, had been partly public opinion and partly the fact that until comparatively recently the number of natives who had sufficiently studied the structure of their language and modern phonetics was small.

There were Europeans who had studied native languages overseas, where they had learnt them thoroughly and phonetically, but they were naturally not familiar with the idiom as the man whose home language it was. So far as he knew, the appointment at the University of the Witwatersrand was the first of its kind in South Africa, though in most university departments of Bantu languages they had native demonstrators. At the University of Cape Town, Professor Lestrade, of the Department of Bantu studies, was responsible for the teaching of Bantu languages.

THE CHANGING SPIRIT

The best way of course to learn a native language was to get out among the people and speak it. But owing to force of circumstances there were many people who could not do this but were forced to learn the structure of the language first in colleges where the best way naturally was to be taught by someone who spoke the language as his native tongue. After that such students should go out and continue their studies from the natives themselves.

Another native affairs authority welcomed the appointment. It was an illustration, he said, of what Mr. Lionel Curtis meant the other day when he referred to a changing spirit among the young people towards the native question. Dealing with the points raised by the "Burger" correspondent, he pointed out that in the long run information about natives had to be obtained from the natives themselves. If that information was to be true and accurate, it should be imparted direct, and what better way was there than through an appointment such as had been made by the University of the Witwatersrand? As a matter of fact, a lot of the misinformation about natives in South Africa was due to the fact that people had not gone to the natives for information.

He gathered that Vilikazi's work was purely dealing with the language question. He was not being asked to give his interpretation of a solution to the native problem, though that would no doubt be valuable too. The Witwatersrand had set a precedent, the development of which would be watched keenly by students of native affairs all over the country.

SALE OF KAFFIR BEER

Johannesburg, Tuesday.

Licences for the manufacture and sale of Kaffir beer in locations are to be recommended by an influential commission which has been investigating the problem of illicit liquor on the Reef for the past 12 months.

The commission was appointed by the South African Institute of Race Relations and the South African Temperance Alliance.—(Reuter.)

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17-6-45

January 15, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois,

It is too bad!

Dr. Albert R. Mann, who is Vice-President and Director for Southern Education of the General Education Board, was at the play last evening and I wanted to introduce you to him. Dr. Mann had never been at Atlanta University before yesterday. I was particularly anxious to have you meet each other because I thought it would be to your mutual advantage. I do not know how much he knows of your work on the Encyclopedia of the Negro, but however much or little it may be, I think he would be more interested after meeting you.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. DuBois
Atlanta University

FMR:DKC

17-9-41

January 15, 1938

My dear Miss Read:

I had to hurry off right after the play last night. If there is anything I can do for you to day, kindly let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

17-6-51

March 5, 1938

My dear President Read:

I want to thank you very much for your courtesy toward me and my family on the birthday celebration. The family was very much pleased with their visit.

I am returning herewith the little dish which my granddaughter borrowed.

Very sincerely yours,

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-6-52

March 7, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois,

Will you please send copies of the three syllabi for the Encyclopedia of the Negro to the following address:

Mr. L. P. Kirwan
The Croft House
Marcham, Abingdon
Berkshire, England

Mr. Kirwan is a young English anthropologist connected with Cambridge University. He saw some of the material at the office of the General Education Board in New York in February.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
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Request for information

January 10, 1938

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My dear Mr. Reddick:

In order to have the record straight may I remind you that I have twice read papers before the American Historical Society: once in 1891 or 1892 in Washington on the "Enforcement of the Slave-Trade Laws" and in December, 1909 in New York on "Reconstruction and its Benefits."

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lawrence D. Reddick
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January 15, 1938

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

Thank you for your statement concerning the papers you have read before the American Historical Association in Washington and New York. I was aware of this. Too, if Washington may be considered as a "Northern" city in several respects (though "Southern" in others) don't you think that your statement lends weight to mine that

> "When it comes to the historical associations and other scientific or semi-scientific conclaves, their programs are arranged and executed without thought of the colored brother. This is not only true of the local or regional societies, but of important national associations which happen to convene in the South".?

Sincerely yours,

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L D Reddick

17-12-79

January 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Reddick:

Your final statement is not quite true. Colored people, including myself, have been invited to appear on the program of the Southern Sociological Society and the Southern Economic Association.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. L. D. Reddick
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

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January 26, 1938

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Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

Even in a short article (preliminary to a detailed treatment, later) which has for its purpose the suggestion of the general picture, I do not mean to give the impression that all is darkness. Quite definitely there are the exceptions, some of which were indicated just before the end of the article and others which suffered an editorial pruning. I am enclosing a reprint with certain sections marked.

Dr Howard K Beale has written me relative to a suggestion which I pass on. The Southern Historical Association meets in New Orleans next November. If you and Dr Logan are not already members, you may be interested to join (as some of the others of us are doing). Beale and some of the Tulane group think that it will be especially interesting to see what the S H A will do with us when it comes to the arrangment of programs and meetings.

Sincerely yours,

L D Reddick

-D
Enc

May 19, 1938

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of A. C. McClurg & Company, I should be very glad to let you make quotations from the SOULS OF BLACK FOLK with proper acknowledgment to author and publisher to wit: "The Forethought - first paragraph; The After-Thought - third sentence".

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Saunders Redding
Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana

1/29/24

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
J. S. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLANDVILLE, LA.

May 2 6, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Request

P. O. B. 128
Scotlandville, La.

17-3-46

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you very much for your kind permission to reprint parts of "The Forethought" and "The After-Thought" from The Souls of Black Folk.

There is, however, one other passage which I should like to quote from that book. May I beg your permission for its use also? The passage is that one ending the essay "Of the Training of Black Men", beginning, "I sit with Shakespeare and he winces not".

I have written your present publisher, Harcourt, Brace, for permission to quote rather extensively from Darkwater and to The Crisis for permission to use three of your editorials. I have not yet heard from either, and of course the matter seems tremendously important to me. Have I done right in soliciting them, or should my requests have gone to you?

With many thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Saunders Redding

June 2, 1938

17-3-47

My dear Sir:

I shall be glad to have you quote from DARKWATER to a reasonable amount giving due credit. You should also write to Harcourt Brace and Company. With regard to the CRISIS, I hereby give you permission to use three of the editorials provided you mention the CRISIS and my name. No further permission will be necessary in that case.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Saunders Redding
Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana

State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, N. C.

October
28
1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-48

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Again I must beg your permission for the use of certain passages from The Souls of Black Folk. Until yesterday, when I had a letter from my publisher, I was under the impression that a second letter from you late in the spring had given me full permission. This I now understand to be a mistake, and the permission from you covers only "The Forethought", first paragraph, and "The Afterthought", third sentence. May I ask your further indulgence?

Because source material is not available to me here (my own books being in storage in La., and the library here being absolutely empty of books by and about Negroes) I cannot quote chapter and page; I count on your forbearance in running through the list which follows:

(1) The passage beginning- "I sit with Shakespeare and he winces not....." and ending- "Are you so afraid lest peering from this high Pisgah....."

(2) The passage beginning- "It took but a few years of Atlanta....." and ending- "The faint discrimination of my hopes and intangible dislikes paled....."

(3) The passage beginning- "This assumption that of all the hues of God whiteness alone is inherently and obviously better than brownness....." and ending- "Do your work in your lowly sphere, praying the good Lord that into heaven....."

(4) The passage beginning- "The present problem of problems is nothing more than democracy beating itself helplessly....." and ending- ".....future kingdoms of greed built on black and brown and yellow slavery."

17-3-49

The book is already in galley proof, and I beg you not to construe the lateness of this request either as carelessness or a lack of appreciation of your importance to the entire study.

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

J. Saunders Redding

J. Saunders Redding

November 1, 1938

My dear Sir:

You have my permission to use the four passages outlined in your letter of October twenty-eight from the SOULS OF BLACK FOLK providing that in each case due credit is given.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Saunders Redding
State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

[Gladys Reid]

17-6-35

May 12, 1938

My dear Mrs. Reid:

Your gift was manna from heaven. It happened that I was entirely out of cigarettes and had just sent to New York for some more. When they came so promptly I was astonished until I opened them and saw your card. I am greatly obliged and have refused to let Reid taste them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ira De A. Reid
75 Saint Nicholas Place
New York City

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

14 JANUARY 1938

17-6-04

DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MY DEAR DR. DUBOIS:

IN APPLYING TO THE JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND FOR A STUDY FELLOWSHIP IN 1939 I TOOK THE LIBERTY TO USE YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE. SHOULD THE FUND ADDRESS YOU WITH RESPECT TO THIS APPLICATION, I WOULD BE MOST FAVORED IN HAVING YOU COMPLY WITH ITS REQUEST.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

IRA DE A. REID

IDEAR:EJ

17-6-15

February 21, 1938

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Miss Ruth Alston particularly asked me to extend to you the assurance of her distinguished consideration which I am now doing.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-12-03

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DR W E B DUBOIS=

:50 CHESTNUT ST SOUTHWEST ATLA=

:BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND MAY YOU CONTINUE TO FIND INFINITE

JOY IN SEEING THE WORLD=

:GLADYS AND IRA REID.

17-6-17

March 5, 1938

My dear Mr. Reid:

I want to put down in type what I said to you in person. I appreciate profoundly the hard and unselfish work which you did to promote my birthday celebration. I have not often received so fine an expression of good will.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

IRA DeA. REID

April 20, 1938

17-6-20

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Rosenwald Fund has granted me the Fellowship for study next year. May I thank you for complying with such requests as they may have made of you in this connection ?

Cordially

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

IRA DeA. REID

September 26, 1936

04-9-17

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Happy am I in accepting your congratulations and your kind suggestion for a celebration on Allhallows eve.

Cordially,

Ira DeA. Reid

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

17-6-39

October 26, 1938

My dear Dr. Reid:

May I congratulate you on your new degree and invite you to celebrate it with me All Hallowe'en by dinner at Ma Sutton's? I shall have a small party of four including you and myself.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Rhoads Joseph J.

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MARSHALL, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1938

10.00
Fund

17-8-73

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

Your plan to give appropriate recognition to the distinguished service of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois to democracy in America and the world is most fitting. I share sincerely your deep appreciation of the man, and extend to the movement my most hearty cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph J. Rhoads
President

JJR/dha
Enc. 1

WM. H. RICHARDSON
295 Huntington Ave.
BOSTON, MASS.

Maud Cuney Hare

Feby. 24 1938

My Dear Dr. Du Bois.

Congratulations on your 70th birthday, I shall be 69 aug. 23rd.

12-7-1

As you know music collection was left to Atlanta University. Miss Wright told me to send it to you, to have it properly taken care of, & received and placed as it should be.

As soon as I can get it together I will express it to you, and will notify you when it starts. I hope to come

a picture of mand for you and will mail that in a day or two.

I have just learned that you had returned from Germany or I would have gotte in touch with you sooner

Happy to say that even though we are in the midst of a depression I am doing fairly well teaching.

Sincerely yours

W. H. Richardson

P.S. Of course you have seen mando book.

WM. H. RICHARDSON
195 Huntington Ave.
BOSTON, MASS.

Feby 26 1938

17-7-2

My Dear Dr DuBois

I am mailing three photographs of our dear departed friend. I thought you would like to have them. Two of the show her in costume doing the thing she liked to do best.

We enjoyed 20 years of work together, and it was a great joy to be able to be with her to do for her when she needed help the last 2 years of her illness

She was content to know that I would look after Will if she went first. Mean as he was, she always thought of his welfare first.

I hope you like the photos.

Yours Truly

W H Richardson

March 5, 1938

17-7-3

My dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you very much for your congratulation and for the pictures of Maud. I should be very glad to receive the collection for Atlanta University. I have not seen Maud's last book and would be very glad to have it. I am pleased to know that you work goes on well.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William H. Richardson
295 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

*unread

WM. H. RICHARDSON
295 Huntington Ave
BOSTON, MASS.

Maud C. Hare

Mch. 7, 1938

My Dear Dr. DuBois

I am mailing today one of Maud's books. as you will see the price is $3.00

The Publisher said she did a very good job I am sure you will enjoy it.

I will express the collection shortly.

Yours Very Truly
W. H. Richardson

P.S. I still have visits to look after he is failing. he is hard to manage has a will of his own which is bad for him, but if he would take advice that is his misfortune. W.H.R.

17-7-4

[enclosure ?]

14-7

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Cambridge Gun + Rod Club
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Dear Sir: -

Your letter asking for accommodations for Monday night is at hand in reply will say that we will be pleased to have you.

Respectfully

Annie P. Flanks

Robinson

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
LABORATORY SCHOOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Feb. 8, 1938.

17-8-53

My dear Mr. Reid:

I am enclosing a check for five dollars for the DuBois Birthday Fund. I regret that I shall not be in Atlanta for the occasion of the banquet. I hope it will be a very happy occasion.

Sincerely,

W. A. Robinson

Greeneville, Tenn.
407 N. Irish St.
March 8, 1938

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-16-84

Dear Sir:

I am writing a paper on the question, "Is the Negro Naturally Criminal?" at Tusculum College.

Since you are an authority on this subject I felt that you could help me in getting a true picture of the normal negro.

Please send me any information which you have that will give me light on the negro when he is given a chance to live as a normal human being.

Thank you for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

Clyde N. Rogers

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Clyde N. Rogers

March 10, 1938

17-16-85

My dear Sir:

You will find the best fairly recent statement on crime among Negroes in the annuals of the American Academy Volume 140, November, 1928; article by Thorsten Sellin, p. 52.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Clyde N. Rogers
Greeneville, Tennessee

Rogers

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TREASURER-BUSINESS MANAGER

January 26, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-8-8

My dear Dr. Logan:

The enclosed Am. Exp. money order for $5.00 is for the DuBois Birthday Fund.

I am sure that it is going to be a great occasion and I feel that Dr. DuBois is worthy of all such recognition for the wonderful service he has rendered mankind.

With my best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

W. A. Rogers.

(ROOSEVELT) L/13.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1938.

My dear Dr. Dubois:

You have doubtless read in the paper of the proposal to create a permanent repository for my papers, books, prints, etc., at Hyde Park -- this Library-Museum to be owned by the Federal Government and to be placed under the jurisdiction of the National Archivist.

Two weeks ago a very small group of historians and others met with me in the White House and approved the general purposes which I outlined to them in accordance with the enclosed memorandum.

They were good enough to express their willingness to serve on an Advisory Committee and suggested the inclusion of a number of other names on this Advisory Committee.

Therefore, I am writing to ask if you would be willing to join this Advisory Committee, which would then be made up of the names on the enclosed list.

Dr. Waldo G. Leland, Executive Director of the American Council of Learned Societies, has consented to act as the Chairman of a small Executive Committee, which will have the duty of examining the scope of the collections and making recommendations for the details of the proposed building.

If you will be good enough to serve on the Advisory Committee, Dr. Leland will keep you in touch with the progress of the plan, and I hope that during the course of the Winter we can have a full meeting of the Advisory group.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dr. William E. Burghardt Dubois,
210 West 150th Street,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

(Enclosure)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY

Additional Members of Advisory Committee recommended by Executive Committee and approved by the President, December 17, 1938.

Robert C. Binkley, Ph.D., Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.
(Professor of History, Western Reserve University; Chairman of Joint Committee on Materials for Research of American Council of Learned Societies and Social Science Research Council.)

William E. Burghardt DuBois, Ph.D., 210 West 150th Street, Atlanta, Ga.
(Professor of Sociology, Atlanta University.)

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Edwin F. Gay, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D., Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif.
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(Professor of History and Dean of the College, Vassar College)

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(Professor of History, University of Texas.)

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Frank C. Walker.

49-24-2

(1938?)

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM:

Since 1910 - or in other words for a period of twenty-eight years -- I have carefully preserved all of my correspondence, public papers, pamphlets, books, etc. This includes all incoming material and copies of practically all outgoing material. These years cover my service of nearly three years in the New York State Senate; seven and one-half years as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, including the World War period and two trips to Europe; my business and legal correspondence; much political material between 1920 and 1928, including my campaign for the Vice Presidency, the 1924 Convention, and the 1928 Convention; my campaigns for Governor in 1928 and 1930; all of my personal papers as Governor of New York, 1929-1933; the campaigns for the Presidency, 1932 and 1936; and all of my Presidential papers from March 4, 1933 to date.

Because these papers relate to so many periods and activities which are not connected with my service in the Federal Government, I do not wish to break them up, leaving a portion of them to the National Archives and dividing the rest between the State of New York Archives, the New York State Historical Society, the Dutchess County Historical Society, the Harvard College Library, etc., etc.

49-24-3

In other words, it is my desire that they be kept as a whole and intact in their original condition, available to scholars of the future in one definite locality.

I have carefully considered the choice of locality and for many reasons have decided that it would be best that they remain permanently on the grounds of my home at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York.

I realize that the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the New York State Library, Harvard University and the New York State Historical Society would probably be glad to have the whole collection intact. It is my thought, however, that an opportunity exists to set up for the first time in this country what might be called a source material collection relating to a specific period in our history.

My own country place at Hyde Park will, without doubt, eventually go to the Federal Government to be maintained for the benefit of the public by the Federal Government.

It is, therefore, my thought that funds can be raised for the erection of a separate, modern, fireproof building to be built near my house at Hyde Park, so designed that it would hold all of my own collections and also such other source material relating to this period in our history as might be donated to the collection in future by other members of the present Administration.

I forgot to mention that in addition to the very voluminous correspondence, I have also two rather specialized collections which are of

some definite historic value; a collection of paintings, drawings, prints, manuscript letters and documents, log-books, pamphlets and books relating to the American Navy from 1775 to date; and a smaller collection of similar material relating to the Hudson River, and especially Dutchess County and the town of Hyde Park. These collections would be placed in the proposed building, together with the public papers, etc.

I have also a very large number of books and pamphlets - far more than my children could possibly use, many of them inscribed by their authors to me. The bulk of these books would also be added to the contents of the building and, incidentally, they form the nucleus of a library relating to this period which would be available to students in the future.

It is my thought that if a building such as I suggest is erected and the material -- not only my own but that of others who would contribute their own material -- is placed there, the title to the building and all the material would be vested in the United States Government and placed under the primary responsibility of the Archivist of the United States. This would insure permanent care and the provision of adequate facilities for its use. At the same time, being somewhat familiar with historical material, its preservation and its availability for students and scholars, I should much like to have the assistance of recognized scholars in American History and Government, past and present. That is why I believe that a collection of this kind should be under the supervision of a committee of historians working in cooperation with the Archivist and the Librarian of Congress.

It is my hope that during my lifetime I will continue to live at Hyde Park, and if a period collection of this kind is permanently domiciled on what is my own place, I will be able to give assistance to the maintenance of the collection during my lifetime. As I have said before, it is my expectation that while the title to the collections would vest immediately in the Government, my house and that portion of the place on which I live would revert to the Government on my death.

I may mention that the place at Hyde Park is located on the New York-Albany Post Road -- two hours from New York City by train or motor, and four and one-half miles from the City of Poughkeepsie, which has good hotel and other accommodations.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

44-24-4

Julius Rosenwald Fund - 4901 Ellis Avenue

Chicago

17-3-56

January 17, 1938

Mrs. Josephine F. Thompson is an interesting personality but she is not intellectually strong and I have not known her long enough to judge as to whether she could collect and digest a body of data such as she proposes to study. She would get some interesting, human and personal information but I doubt if it would go further than that.

[Rosenwald Fund]

Hugh M. Gloster

Request for recommendation

15-21-49

January 21, 1938

I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Hugh M. Gloster. I have met him once or twice and he married a very excellent student which I once had in my classes here. Such reports as I have had were very favorable.

[Rosenwald Fund]

Ira De A. Reid

17-6-06

January 21, 1938

I think the application of Mr. Reid should have especial attention and I hope sincerely that it will be granted. Mr. Reid undoubtedly is the best equipped of the Negro sociologists and shows greatest promise of development. He has held a position with the Government in charge of the study of White-Collar Workers among American Negroes and was offered a position as expert in the WPA where his work has been carried on regardless of race. He hesitated about accepting it but on my advice continued his work at Atlanta University where it seemed to me that he had a better chance of developing himself in teaching and research. He needs broader contact ith the scientific world and I should think that work in London would be especially valuable not only for its opportunity for study but for its large opportunities for acquaintanceship with leading students in his field. Mr. Reid is young, strong and in good health and has a keen mind, a sense of humor and is a hard and tireless worker. I have known him for ten or more years and have been closely associated with him in the last four years.

[Rosenwald Fund]

Mr. W. A. Shields

17-6-59

January 21, 1938

I have not known Mr. Shields long. He was a student in one of my classes year before last and the following summer acted as my secretary. He works hard and is intelligent but I do not know how far his background of previous education would suffice for his proposed study. Of course the study in itself needs to be made.

[Rosenwald Fund]

17-3-60

January 21, 1938

I have known Robert A. Thompson for two or three years and he has taken one or two courses in this department. He is an earnest man and a faithful worker and of good average intelligence. How well he could handle the subject that he has laid out I am sure I do not know but he would try hard.

January 3, 1939

With regard to the application of Robert Thompson I can only repeat what I said January 21, 1938: he is a good man but not a genius. He will work faithfully and I think he might do the work which he has outlined.

[Rosenwald Fund]

Robert A. Thompson

Request for recommendation

17-3-32

January 21, 1938

I have known Robert A. Thompson for two or three years and he has taken one or two courses in this department. He is an earnest man and a faithful worker and of good average intelligence. How well he could handle the subject that he has laid out I am sure I do not know but he would try hard.

[Rosenwald Fund.]

James T. Wardlaw

Rosenwald Fund

17-3-51

January 25, 1938

James T. Wardlaw was a student in my classes for two years and did some interesting social research. Since then he has been in active social work in a community where there has been a great deal of labor unrest. I think that if he had further training he might make a very excellent social worker.

Edwin R. Embree
President

Margaret S. Simon
Secretary

D.A. Elvidge
Comptroller

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Director for Rural Education

M.O. Bousfield, M.D.
Director for Negro Health

Raymond Paty
Director for Fellowships

January 28, 1938

17-3-5d

Dear Dr. DuBois: Professor Charles Sydnor of the faculty of Duke University is applying for one of our fellowships for white Southerners in order to complete a study of the free Negro of the Old South. He has asked us to select several people from whom authoritative statements may be secured regarding the value of his proposed study, and I am wondering if you would give us your opinion of Professor Sydnor's plan.

Mr. Sydnor has contributed to various historical journals and has completed a book on Slavery in Mississippi which was published in 1933 by D. Appleton-Century for the American Historical Association. He has recently completed a second book which will be published by the Duke Press on the social and intellectual activities of the Old Natchez region.

Our Committee on Fellowships will greatly appreciate anything you can tell us of Mr. Sydnor and his work, and your statement will, of course, be held in strict confidence.

Very truly yours,

Raymond Paty

RP:MLU

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
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Atlanta, Georgia

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Director for Fellowships

February 9, 1938

17-3-54

Dear Dr. DuBois: A note just received from Miss Augusta V. Jackson indicates your willingness to write us about her and the proposal which she is making for next year. I should like very much to have such a statement from you for presentation to our Committee on Fellowships, and we will delay the preparation of Miss Jackson's material for the Committee until you write us.

We have already received many letters of recommendation from you, and I assure you that we greatly appreciate your helpfulness.

Very truly yours,

RP*MLU

Raymond Paty

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Paty:

Answering your letter of January 28 with regard to Charles Syndor's proposal to write on the free Negroes of the South. My attitude is the same as in the case of all southern white students of the Negro. Unless the man is a thoroughly emancipated scientist and can approach the study of these people as human beings it is simply a waste of time and money to put them at the job. I should want to see and read Mr. Sydnor's article in the American Historical Review in 1927 and to know his general attitude. The whole history of the American Negro has been sufficiently messed-up already with the attempts of southern scholars to make monkeys of men. I hope that the Rosenwald Fund will not encourage this sort of thing unless, as I have said, they are sure of the mind of man they are helping.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Raymond Paty
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

February 11, 1938

17-3-55

My dear Mr. Paty:

I am very sorry to say that I haven't the slightest recollection of ever having met or known Miss Augusta V. Jackson. Of course, I probably have in some way and forgotten it; and if so, I am very sorry. But certainly I have not known her well enough or long enough to make any judgment of her ability or desert.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Raymond Paty
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

15-31-94

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October 3, 1938

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am enclosing a statement of our 1939 fellowship program which I hope you will be good enough to post or otherwise call to the attention of persons who may be especially qualified for these grants.

Several application forms are being sent under separate cover and additional copies may be obtained upon request. We should like to have applications reach us as early as possible. In order to be considered this year they must reach us not later than January 10, 1939. Detailed correspondence concerning candidates or other aspects of the fellowship program should be addressed to Mr. George M. Reynolds, Director for Fellowships, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed list of the Fellows selected by our Committee for this year. We will greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us find an outstanding group from which to make our 1939 selections.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MLU

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Greetings. I hope our selections seem to you wise. It is a killing task to choose 35 top men out of a possible 12 million! Whether or not we approach perfection in the selections, we certainly have some brilliant people on the list. EDE

[Rosenwald Fund]

November 8, 1938

15-31-95

My dear Mr. Embree:

I have your kind letter of October third and I shall be glad to cooperate in every way with your selection of fellows. I shall begin in this letter with two suggestions. The first is that Shirley Graham who is at Yale with one of your fellowships be given a second year. She is extraordinary in two respects: first in ability and second in energy and determination. I believe that she is going far. She has just written me a letter and I am venturing to send you a copy of it. I presume she will write you.

The second suggestion is tentative and I do not know that it is feasible; but I want to bring the subject to your notice. Nancy Elizabeth Prophet is to my mind the greatest of the Negro sculptors and outstanding regardless of race. She is not well-known save in select circles and has a number of personal peculiarities. She was born in Rhode Island, I imagine about forty years ago, although I do not know her exact age. She cannot, however, be over forty-five. She is of Negro-Indian descent and was educated at the Rhode Island School of Design where they tried desperately for a while to turn her from her plan to be a sculptor. Eventually she went to Paris with very few funds and stayed there twelve years. She is a member of the Beaux Arts and at one time the French Government looked at her work and sent her a contribution with which to pay her taxes. One of her busts is in the art collection in Providence and another at Mrs. Whitney's museum in New York. She had a few years ago an exhibit in Newport which made a wide impression. She is over-modest and yet fanatic in her belief in her ability but will not do anything that looks like begging for help. She applied once to the Guggenheim Foundation and was turned down and then refused to make another application even when urged to by people of influence on the inside. Mrs. Du Bois made her acquaintance while in Paris and was convinced that she wasn't having enough to eat. She invited her to stop with us in America which she did for a year. Later, President Hope learned of her work and in conjunction with the Carnegie Fund urged her to come to Atlanta University. I think if Hope had lived this would have been the beginning of her career. There were plans to start a department of Fine Arts here. But something, I am not sure what, went wrong. I think it had to do with Miss Read of Spelman.

At any rate at present, Miss Prophet is acting as instructor in art and sculpture at Spelman and is having really little opportunity to do her own creative work. She has been repeatedly promised an adequate studio and yet after four or five years has not received one. I believe that if she could be given the op ortunity of a couple of years of concentrated work, that she would be able to put on an exhibit which would fasten the attention of the art world.

I have said nothing to her of this letter. I do not know whether she could be induced to make application or not, but I wish you would look into the matter and think it over and see if something could not be done. I hate to see genius of this sort go to waste.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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November 14, 1938

Dear Dr. Du Bois: Thank you for the interesting suggestions in your letter of November 8. We shall certainly give careful consideration to Miss Graham's request for a renewal of her fellowship. While in general we make the awards for a single year, in exceptional cases we understand the importance of opportunity for longer and thus more intensive study.

The case of Miss Prophet may be a little more difficult. We aim these fellowships at younger people. Our desire is to give opportunities to people who might not otherwise be able to get a proper start. I imagine that Miss Prophet is pretty well set in her artistic development. While she could doubtless profit by freedom and better facilities for a year, such an opportunity would probably mean much less to her now than it would have meant to her ten years ago or than it would mean to a present candidate ten years younger than she is. At any rate, if she is willing to do so, I suggest that she make formal application. If you feel like doing it, would you put a blank in her hands with the suggestion that she present herself as a candidate?

My regards and my continued thanks for your interest and help in so many matters.

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-31-106

December 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Embree:

I understand that Miss Lillian E. Smith and Miss Snelling are going to make application for a Rosenwald fellowship. They are two young southern women who have been publishing at Clayton THE NORTH GEORGIA REVIEW. I think they have done a stunning and courageous piece of work and if you can possibly encourage them I am sure it will be worth while.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
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December 14, 1938

17-3-57

Dear Dr. DuBois: Thank you for your note calling our attention to Miss Smith and Miss Snelling. They sound like interesting people and we shall be glad to receive their applications.

Very truly yours,

George M. Reynolds

GMR*MLU

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta, University
Atlanta, Georgia

December 20, 1938

My dear Sir:

Miss Diggs, my secretary, has made application for a Rosenwald fellowship and by permission has referred to me. I should like to say that I encouraged her to make this application. She took her master's degree in my department here after doing her college work at the University of Minnesota. She has helped me since 1933 and been my secretary and clerk of the department for the last two years. I am especially anxious that she should do further work in general study and in research. She is capable of some teaching in sociology and excellent in secretarial work. The particular work that she outlines is connected with our effort to launch an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am having this written on its letter-head so that you can see something of its backing. Dr. Park, who worked with us for a couple of years, has just been replaced by Dr. Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina. If we can make a good preliminary showing before some of the Funds we are hoping to put this over. I should be glad to have Miss Diggs given consideration.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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December 22, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois: Mr. Robert Albert Thompson, Jr., who applied to us for a fellowship last year, is renewing his application, and has again given your name as a reference. I am wondering if you have anything to add to the enclosed statement which you sent us last January.

17-3-59

We were very grateful for your frank estimate of Mr. Thompson last year, and we will appreciate any further information that you may give us now.

Sincerely yours,

George M. Reynolds

GMR*MLU

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December 22, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois: In Mr. Reynolds' absence from the office I am acknowledging your letter regarding Miss Diggs. You may be sure she will receive the careful consideration of the Committee.

17-3-61

Very truly yours,

Margaret L. Utley

Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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NEGRO FELLOWS - 1938

FRED W. ALSUP, (age 24) head of the Science Department at Morristown College, Tennessee; appointed for zoological studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Born August 5, 1914, Nashville, Tennessee. Married, one child. Education: Fisk University, A. B., 1934, M. A., 1936. Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, Summer of 1937. Member of Sigma Gamma Pi. Held scholarships at Fisk University 1931-36. Graduate Assistant at Fisk, 1934-36; head of the Science Department at Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee, 1936-.

FANNIN S. BELCHER, Jr. (29) assistant professor of English and director of dramatics, West Virginia State College: appointed for studies in drama at Yale University. Born September 13, 1908, Savannah, Georgia. Education: Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, A. B., 1928; University of Pennsylvania, M. A., 1930; Howard University, Summer of 1929. Instructor in English, Lincoln University, 1928-30; assistant professor of English and director of dramatics, West Virginia State College, 1930-. Has written three full-length plays: "The Gypsy Charm," "Deal a Hand," "Roll Your Own," and numerous one act plays.

ARNA W. BONTEMPS, (35) principal of Shiloh Academy, Chicago: appointed for creative work in writing, specifically to gather background material for books in the children's field, and to complete the research and finish writing a historical novel. Born October 13, 1902, Alexandria, Louisiana. Married, four children. Education: Pacific Union College, B. A., 1923; Columbia University and New York University, 1925-30; University of Chicago, 1936-. Teacher at Harlem Academy, New York, 1924-31; at Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Alabama, 1931-34; principal of Shiloh Academy, Chicago, 1935-. Publications: Black Thunder (Macmillan, 1936); God Sends Sunday (Harcourt Brace, 1931); Sad-Faced Boy (Houghton Mifflin, 1937); You Can't Pet a Possum (Morrow, 1934); Popo and Fifina (Macmillan, 1932). Several of his poems have won prizes and have appeared in various anthologies. Two plays have been produced at the Gilpin Theatre.

BRAILSFORD R. BRAZEAL, (35) Dean of Men, Morehouse College: appointed for studies in economics at Columbia University, specifically the origin and development of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Born March 8, 1903, Dublin, Georgia. Married. Education: Morehouse College, A. B., 1927; Columbia University, A. M., 1928; Institute of Race Relations, Swarthmore College, Summer of 1933; Columbia University four summer sessions. Rosenwald Fund fellowship, appointed through Social Science Research Council, 1932. Teacher of Economics, Morehouse College, 1928- , and also Dean of Men since 1934. Editor of Morehouse Alumnus and contributor to Journal of Religious Education and Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes.

HORACE CAYTON, (34) research assistant in sociology, University of Chicago: appointed for the continuation of studies in sociology and statistics at University of Chicago. (Renewal). Born November 12, 1903, Seattle, Washington. Married. Education: University of Washington, B. B. Ad., 1931; University of Chicago, 1931-34, 1937-38. Member of Zeta Phi, Alpha Kappa Delta. Assistant to principal, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; special assistant, U. S. Department of the Interior; instructor at Fisk University; research assistant, University of Chicago for several years. Assisted Dr. Harold Gosnell with "The Negro Politician in Chicago"; collaborated with Dr. George Mitchell in study, "The Negro in Trade Unions"; Negro and White Workers in Unions will be published by University of North Carolina Press in the autumn; has contributed to the Nation and reviewed books for American Journal of Sociology.

SCHIEFFELIN CLAYTOR, (30) assistant professor of mathematics, West Virginia State College: appointed for research in theoretical mathematics. (Renewal). Born 1908, Virginia. Education: Howard University, B. S., 1929, M. S., 1930; University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., 1933; University of Michigan, 1936-. Publications: (thesis) I. Topological Immersion of Peanian Continua in a Spherical Surface, Annals of Mathematics, October, 1934; II. Peanian Continua not Imbeddable in a Spherical Surface, Annals of Mathematics, Series II, 1937; III. Locally Planar Continua, read before American Mathematical Association, April, 1938, (to be published).

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ANNA MARGARET COOKE, (30) director of dramatics, Spelman College: appointed for studies in the drama and related arts at the Yale School of Fine Arts. Born October 7, 1907, Washington, D. C. Education: Oberlin College, A. B., 1928; Yale University, 1936-37; American Academy of Dramatic Art, 1930-31; Columbia University, 1930-31; Pavley-Oukrainsky School of Ballet, 1931. Held Rosenwald Fund fellowship, 1930-31; General Education Board scholarship, 1936-37. Teacher and director of dramatics, Spelman College, 1929- ; director of Atlanta University Summer Theatre, 1934-.

JOHN AUBREY DAVIS, (26) assistant professor of political science, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania: appointed for study of the Negro in politics in New York, at Columbia University. Born May 10, 1912, Washington, D. C. Married. Education: Williams College, A. B., 1933; University of Wisconsin, A. M., 1934. Held scholarships at Williams College for four years of undergraduate study; the Clark Prize scholarship for graduate study, and a fellowship from the University of Wisconsin. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Research assistant, Labor Advisory Board, N. R. A., 1934-35; Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, 1935-36; instructor at Howard University, 1935-36; assistant professor at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, 1936-.

WILLIAM H. DEAN, (28) instructor in economics, Atlanta University: appointed for study of the economic factors in regional migration and the growth of cities, at Harvard University. (Renewal). Born July 6, 1910, Lynchburg, Virginia. Married, one child. Education: Bowdoin College, A. B., Summa cum Laude, 1930; Harvard University, M. A., 1932, one semester, 1936, and 1937-38. University Scholar, Harvard University, 1930-31; Henry Lee Memorial Fellow, Harvard, 1931-32. (This is the highest fellowship award in Economics at Harvard, and its incumbent is also secretary of the Economics Seminar.) Edward Austin Fellow, Harvard, 1932-33; General Education Board fellowship, one semester 1936. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Instructor in Economics, Atlanta University.

E. HORACE FITCHETT, (36) dean of Claflin College, South Carolina: appointed for a study of the traditions of the free Negro in Charleston, South Carolina, under the auspices of the University of Chicago. Born November 7, 1901, Cheriton, Virginia. Married, one child. Education: Howard University, A. B., 1926, M. A., 1927; University of Chicago, 1930-31, and 8 months in 1935; Yale University Summer Seminar in Race and Culture Contacts, 1934. Fellowship at Howard University, 1926-27; Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 1930-31; General Education Board, 1934-35; Board of Education of the M. E. Church, Claflin College, and Yale University, Summer of 1934. Professor of social sciences at Claflin College, 1927-, and Dean of the College, 1936-; teacher of social sciences at A and M College of South Carolina during Summer Sessions 1928-37. Has written various articles for Opportunity, Journal of Negro Life, Southern Workman, Crisis, and Oracle.

JOHN H. FRANKLIN, (23) instructor in history, Fisk University: appointed for study of the free Negro in the ante bellum South under the auspices of Harvard University. (Renewal). Born January 2, 1915, Rentiesville, Oklahoma. Education: Fisk University, A. B., 1935; Harvard University, A. M., 1936, 1937-38. Freshman and sophomore scholarships at Fisk University; National Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship, 1934-35. Member of Sigma Upsilon Pi. Research assistant, Commission on Minority Groups, and instructor in history at Fisk University.

VIOLA B. GOIN, (26) appointed for studies in bacteriology at the University of Michigan. Born August 6, 1912, New Haven, Connecticut. Education: Oberlin College, 1929-31; University of Paris, 1931-32; Yale University Medical Center, 1932-34; University of Michigan, B. S., 1936, M. S., 1937. Member Phi Kappa Phi. Substitute instructor in biology, Virginia State College, February-June, 1936.

SHIRLEY GRAHAM, (33) supervisor of the Negro Unit of the Chicago Federal Theatre: appointed for studies in the theatre and music at the Yale School of Fine Arts. Born November 11, 1904, Indianapolis, Indiana. Widowed, 2 children. Education: Oberlin College, A. B., 1934, A. M., 1935; Vassar Theatre Summer School, 1937; Columbia University, Summers of 1929 and 1936; University of Paris, one term, 1930, certificate in French; Howard School of Music, 1927-28; private instruction in piano, pipe organ, voice, harmony, orchestration. Graduate scholarship, Oberlin College, 1934;

Rockefeller Foundation scholarship to Federal Theatre at Vassar College, 1937. Music Department of Morgan College, 1928-31; taught music, history, and dramatics at Washington Conservatory of Music and Expression, Summer of 1934; fine arts and music history at Tennessee A and I College, 1935-36; supervisor, Negro Unit of Federal Theatre, Chicago, 1936-. Composed libretto and music for "Tom-Tom" which was produced in Cleveland in 1932; "Mississippi Rainbow Song," and "I Promise." Has contributed to Opportunity, Crisis, Etude Music Magazine, Arts Quarterly.

LEILA S. GREEN, (23). Appointed for studies in organic chemistry at Radcliffe College. Born October 19, 1915, Canton Ohio. Education: Howard University, B. S. Summa cum Laude, 1936, 1936-38. University fellowship, 1936-38. Member Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi.

DEWEY R. JONES, (37). Appointed to do sociological studies in relation to the Hull House community, Chicago. Born September 2, 1900, Asheville, North Carolina. Married, two children. Education: University of Michigan, A. B., 1922; Pulitzer School of Journalism, Columbia University, M. S., 1932. Rosenwald Fund fellowship 1931-32. Reporter, city editor, editorial writer and managing editor of Chicago Defender, 1924-35; associate adviser, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1935-38.

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LEWIS W. JONES, (28) research assistant in sociology, Fisk University: appointed for studies in sociology and anthropology at Columbia University. Born March 13, 1910, Cuero, Texas. Education: Prairie View College, 1925-28; Fisk University, A. B., 1931, 1934-35, University of Chicago, 1931-32. Social Science Research Council fellowship, 1931-32. Research assistant, Department of Social Science, Fisk University, 1932-35; supervisor of rural studies, TVA, four months in 1934; research assistant in Julius Rosenwald Fund rural school studies, 1937; research assistant Fisk University, 1938-.

MELVIN D. KENNEDY, (32) teacher, Atlanta University Laboratory School: appointed for studies in history of the French slavery question, 1800-1850, under the auspices of the University of Chicago. Born November 28, 1905, Worcester, Massachusetts. Married. Education: Clark University, A. B., 1929, M. A., 1930; University of Chicago, 1935-36, and summers 1934-37. Jonas G. Clark scholarship, 1926-27, and Scholar in the Department of History at Clark University, 1929-30. Teacher at Atlanta University Laboratory High School, 1930-.

CLINTON E. KNOX, (30) instructor in history, Morgan College: appointed for studies in French history, specifically of the French foreign policies in the Ottoman Empire, 1878-1902. (Renewal). Born May 5, 1905, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Married. Education: Williams College, A. B., 1930; Brown University, A. M., 1931; Harvard University, Summer 1930, and 1935-36, 1937-38. Held undergraduate fellowships at Williams College and graduate fellowship at Brown University; General Education Board fellowship, 1935-36, and Baird Cutting fellowship for foreign study from Harvard, 1938-39, supplementary to the Rosenwald Fund grant. Instructor in history, Morgan College, Baltimore, 1931-. Publications: "The Possibilities of Compromise in the Senate Committee of Thirteen," Journal of Negro History, October, 1933.

E. A. LANIER, (37) assistant professor of English, Fisk University: appointed for studies in American literature, specifically "The Idea of the Southern Gentleman in American Fiction," at Harvard University. Born December 19, 1900, Alcorn, Mississippi. Married, one child. Education: Talladega College, A. B., 1923; Dartmouth College, A. B., 1924; Harvard University, A. M., 1926, 1931-33, 1937-38. General Education Board fellowships 1931-33, 1937-38. Professor of English at Atlanta University, 1926-29; A and T College, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1929-30; assistant professor of English, Fisk University, 1930-.

JAMES R. LAWSON, (23) teacher of physics and mathematics, St. Augustine's College: appointed for investigation in infra-red spectroscopy at the University of Michigan. (Renewal). Born January 15, 1915, Louisville, Kentucky. Education: Fisk University, B. S., 1935; University of Michigan, M. S., 1936, Summer session, 1936, and 1937-38. Undergraduate scholarship, Fisk University. Laboratory assistant, Fisk University, and research assistant, University of Michigan. Teacher of physics and mathematics, St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

BIRTILL A. LLOYD, (33) professor of physics, Philander Smith College: appointed for studies in physical chemistry, specifically a study of the reaction between sulphur vapor and sulphur dioxide under the influence of the electric discharge, at the University of Illinois. Born June 9, 1905, Jamaica, B. W. I. Married. Education: University of Illinois, B. S., 1930; University of Toronto, M. A., 1934; University of Illinois, 1930-31. University of Illinois scholarship, 1930-31. Member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Sigma Xi. Publication: "Equilibria in Liquid Systems Containing Furfural," Canadian Journal of Research, Section B., Volume 15, March, 1937. Professor of chemistry and physics, State College, Kentucky, 1931-32; professor of mathematics and physics, Philander Smith College, 1935-.

JAMES E. LU VALLE, (26) Appointed for study of the determination of theoretical and experimental methods of the resonance energies in conjugated unsaturated organic molecules with special reference to those containing oxygen, at California Institute of Technology. Born November 10, 1912, San Antonio, Texas. Education: University of California at Los Angeles, B. A., 1936, M. A., 1937; California Institute of Technology, 1937-. Regents scholarship for three years at University of California at Los Angeles; teaching assistant, U. C. L. A., 1936-37; graduate assistant, California Institute of Technology. Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Pi Mu Epsilon, Phi Lambda Upsilon, captain of the track team, U. C. L. A., 1935, member of 1936 Olympic team, president of graduate students, U. C. L. A. 1937.

BOOKER T. McGRAW, (39) teacher of economics, Lincoln University: appointed for continuation of studies in economics, specifically for the completion of the study of the monetary experience of France, 1926 to the present, at Harvard University. (Renewal). Born August 24, 1898, Brooks County, Georgia. Married. Education: Atlanta University, A. B., 1923; University of Michigan, M. A., 1924, M. B. A., 1926; Harvard University, A. M., 1933, 1937-38. General Education Board fellowships, 1931-32, 1932-33. Professor of economics, Bishop College, Texas; registrar and teacher of economics, Lincoln University, Missouri.

GUICHARD B. PARRIS, (35). Appointed for a biographical study of the abbé Henri Grégoire (1750-1831) as one of the distinguished representatives of the humanitarian tradition in France, particularly as that tradition is related to the anti-slavery movement of the day, under the auspices of Columbia University. Born March 3, 1903, Guadeloupe, French West Indies. Married, three children. Education: Amherst College, A. B., 1927; Columbia University, A. M. 1932, and 1933-35, 1936-37. Held undergraduate scholarship at Amherst College three and one-half years. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Instructor in French, Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, 1930-31; assistant professor of French, Lincoln University, Missouri, 1932-33; instructor, Atlanta University, 1935-36. Publications: Bibliography of 18th century literary criticism in Modern Language Notes. Three French Reading Texts (Atlanta University French Series, 1936, in collaboration with Dr. Will Mercer Cook). Article, "French Texts for Negro Schools," Romanic Review, March, 1935. Occasional contributions to the Crisis and Opportunity.

REED E. PEGGRAM, (24). Appointed for the continuance of a study on "The Notion of Decadence in Nineteenth Century Literature," under the auspices of Harvard University. Born July 26, 1914, Boston, Massachusetts. Education: Harvard University, A. B., Magna cum Laude, 1935, A. M. 1936, 1937-38; Columbia University, 1936-37. Received honorable mention for the Susan Anthony Potter prize in comparative literature at Harvard for first draft of dissertation, "Studies in Nineteenth Century Decadence," 1936. Undergraduate and graduate scholarships at Harvard and at Columbia. Awarded John Harvard fellowship (without stipend) for foreign travel, 1938-39.

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IRA DeA. REID, (38) professor of sociology, Atlanta University: appointed to pursue further studies in race and population problems at the London School of Economics and to do field research on Negro immigrant adjustment in the Panama Canal Zone. Born July 2, 1900, Clifton Forge, Virginia. Married. Education: Morehouse College, A. B., 1922; University of Chicago, Summer, 1923; University of Pittsburgh, A. M., 1925; Columbia University, Ph. D., 1938. Urban League fellowship, 1924-25; General Education Board scholarship, 1934. Teacher at Texas College, 1922-23; Douglas High School, Huntington, West Virginia. 1923-24; industrial and research secretary, New York Urban League, 1925-28; director of research, National Urban League, 1928-34; professor of sociology, Atlanta University, 1934-. Publications: Negro Membership in American Labor Unions (Alexander Press, 1930); The Negro's Relation to Work and Law Observance (Report of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement, Vol. VI, Part II. Government Printing Office, 1931); The Problem of Child Dependency Among Negroes (Report of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, Vol. IV, C-1. Century Company, 1933); The Negro in New Jersey, a survey for the New Jersey Interracial Committee, five volumes (Department of Institutions and Agencies of New Jersey, 1932); The Urban Negro Worker in the United States: 1925-36. Vol. I. (Government Printing Office, 1938). Articles and reviews on social and economic problems have appeared in various journals.

RUTH M. SMITH (21). Appointed for study in anatomy and endocrinology concentrating on the problems of the reproductive cycle in woman, at Western Reserve University. Born January 25, 1917, Washington, D. C. Education: Mount Holyoke College, A. B., 1937; Howard University, 1937-38. Held fellowships from Mount Holyoke during four years of undergraduate study, and tuition scholarship from Howard University.

FRANK M. SNOWDEN, Jr., (27) instructor in the classics, Spelman College: appointed for studies in classical languages, literature and archaeology, under the auspices of Harvard University and the American School of Classical Studies, Athens. Born July 17, 1911, York County, Virginia. Married. Education: Harvard University, A. B., 1932, and A. M., 1933. Harvard University Summer session, 1935 and 1936. Held Price-Greenleaf scholarship at Harvard, 1928-29, 1929-30, the Parmenter scholarship 1930-31, and the Bowditch scholarship, 1931-32. Instructor at Virginia State College, 1933-36; instructor at Spelman College, 1936-.

HOWARD W. SWANSON, (26). Appointed for studies and creative work in musical composition in Paris, France, with Nadia Boulanger. Born May 26, 1912, Atlanta, Georgia. Education: Cleveland Institute of Music, 1929-37, B. Mus. Has written compositions which have been performed by the students at the Cleveland Institute of Music and a piece for orchestra which was performed by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra at the Great Lakes Exposition. Held scholarship at Cleveland Institute of Music for one year.

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JOSEPH T. TAYLOR, (25) teaching fellow at Fisk University: appointed for study of tendencies toward anti-social behavior in select cultural settings of Negroes, at the University of Illinois. Born February 11, 1913, Rolling Fork, Mississippi. Education: Wiley College, 1932-35; University of Illinois, A. B., 1936, A. M., 1937; Fisk University, 1937-38, teaching fellow. Fellowships at University of Illinois. Member of Alpha Kappa Delta.

MYRON B. TOWNS, (27) professor of chemistry, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College: appointed to conduct research on overvoltage and electrode discharge phenomena, at the University of Michigan. Born October 4, 1910, Atlanta, Georgia. Education: Atlanta University, A. B., 1930; University of Michigan, A. M., 1933, 1935-36, and Summers of 1934, 1935, 1936. Alpha Phi Alpha fellowship, 1935-36; member Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Lambda Upsilon. Teacher at Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta, Georgia, 1930-35; professor of chemistry at Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C., 1936-.

HARRY J. WALKER, (33) instructor in sociology, Fisk University: appointed for sociological study of Durham, North Carolina, in collaboration with Lewis C. Copeland, under auspices of University of Chicago. (Renewal). Born June 7, 1905, Muncy, Pennsylvania. Married. Education: Bucknell University, 1924-25; Oberlin College, A. B., 1928; Fisk University, 1931-32, M. A., 1937; University of Chicago, 1937-38. Graduate fellowship at Fisk University, 1931-32. Instructor in social sciences, Leland College, Baker, Louisiana; research assistant, department of social science, Fisk University. Field worker and research assistant in housing studies, study of tobacco workers, study of Negro college and professional graduates, under auspices of Fisk University.

CHARLES E. WEIR, (27) assistant in chemistry at Howard University: appointed for research in nuclear chemistry and quantum mechanics at California Institute of Technology. (Renewal). Born September 29, 1911, Washington, D. C. Married, one child. Education: University of Chicago, B. S., 1932; Howard University, M. S., 1934; California Institute of Technology, 1937-38. Held three half-year tuition scholarships at University of Chicago, two fellowships at Howard.

STANTON L. WORMLEY, (29) professor of German, Virginia State College: appointed for studies in comparative literature at Cornell University, specifically a study of "Heine's Impact on Victorian England." Born February 7, 1909, Washington D. C. Married, one child. Education: Howard University, A. B., 1930, A. M. 1931; University of Hamburg, Diplom der Universität; Cornell University, 1936-37. Undergraduate scholarships in German and graduate fellowship in English at Howard; American-German Exchange fellowship, Institute of International Education, Hamburg; General Education Board fellowship, 1936-37. Translator and book reviewer, Hamburg-Amerika Post, 1931-32. Assistant professor at Virginia State College, 1932-.

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CHARLES ROBERTS ANDERSON, (age 36) assistant professor of English, Duke University: appointed for creative writing in the cultural history of the South, specifically a study of the cultural history of Charleston, South Carolina, from 1830 to 1886, based chiefly on the Paul Hamilton Hayne Collection of approximately 5,000 unpublished manuscripts. Born October 17, 1902, Macon, Georgia. Married. Education: University of Georgia, A. B., Summa cum Laude, 1924, A. M., Summa cum Laude, 1928; Mercer University, School of Law, Macon, Georgia, 1924-26; Columbia University, Ph. D., 1938. Member Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Upsilon. Instructor in English, 1927-28 and 1929-30, at University of Georgia, Athens; assistant professor of English at Duke University, 1930-; managing editor of American Literature (Duke University Press), 1931-33. Publications: Journal of a Cruise in the Frigate United States, 1842-44, with notes on Herman Melville (Duke University Press, 1937); Melville in the South Seas (accepted for publication by Harvard University Press). Articles: "A Reply to Herman Melville's White-Jacket," American Literature, May, 1935; Contemporary American Opinions of Typee and Omoo, American Literature, March, 1937; Melville's English Debut, American Literature, May, 1938; The Romance of Scholarship: Tracking Melville in the South Seas (accepted by the Colophon for publication in Spring of 1938).

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JOHN DAVID BLACK, (30) instructor in zoology, University of Arkansas: appointed for studies in zoology specifically directed toward the conservation of southern fish, at University of Michigan. Born July 2, 1908, Winslow, Arkansas. Married, one child. Education: University of Kansas, B. A., 1935; Indiana University, M. A., 1937. Undergraduate museum fellowship at University of Kansas, four years. Member Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi. Graduate assistant, Indiana University, 1935-37; research assistant with Indiana Game and Fish Commission, summers of 1935, 1936, 1937; tutor in embryology, Indiana University, 1936-37; instructor in zoology, University of Arkansas, 1937-. Publications: Several studies on birds and mammals (ecology, distribution, and taxonomy). "Mammals of Kansas;" "A Winter Robin Roost in Arkansas;" "Birds of Winslow, Arkansas Region;" "A New Woodchuck from Kansas;" "A New Race of Peromyscus Maniculatus from Arkansas;" "Mammals of Northwestern Arkansas."

INA C. BROWN, (42). Appointed for continuation of studies in social anthropology at University of Chicago. (Renewal). Born May 27, 1896, Gatesville, Texas. Education: Southern Methodist University, 1919-21; University of Chicago, A. B., 1936. Publications: Choice of a Career (with Garfield Evans, Cokesbury Press, 1923); Training for World Friendship (Cokesbury Press, 1929); The Story of the American Negro (Friendship Press, 1936).

JOHN TYLER CALDWELL, (26). Appointed for continuation of studies in public administration (especially in the field of taxation) at Princeton University. (Renewal). Born December 19, 1911, Yazoo City, Mississippi. Education: Mississippi State College, B. S., 1932; Duke University, M. A., 1936. Instructor of social science at Holmes Junior College, Goodman, Mississippi; research economist with Resettlement Administration, State College, Mississippi.

LEWIS CAMPBELL COPELAND, (29). Appointed for study of influence of race on the social structure of a southern community at Duke University. (Renewal). Born February 10, 1909, Houston, Texas. Married. Education: Texas Christian University, A. B., 1931; University of Chicago, M. A., 1937. Research assistant under Social Science Research Committee at University of Chicago for several years; assistant director of WPA Population Research Project, under guidance of Dr. Ernest W. Burgess of the University of Chicago; research assistant for National Resources Board.

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HARRY W. CULBRETH, (34). Appointed for a study of the present methods of supplying life insurance and of the possibility of meeting the needs of low-income groups through cooperative insurance societies. Although Mr. Culbreth will not be working towards an academic degree, he is availing himself of the advice of Paul Douglas and others. His field studies will be made in the United States and abroad. Born September 14, 1904, Cumberland County, Virginia. Education: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, B. S., 1925. Engineering department of Chester Valley Electric Company, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, 1925-26; district manager of Republic Service Corporation, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, 1926-37; Credit Union representative for the Farm Credit Administration, 1935-38; engaged in research for Ohio Farm Bureau, February, 1938-.

JAMES HAROLD EASTERBY, (40) professor of history, College of Charleston: appointed for studies in southern history, specifically for the editing of documents relating to the ante bellum rice plantations, under the auspices of University of Chicago. Born June 24, 1898, Charleston, South Carolina. Married, two children. Education: College of Charleston, A. B., 1920; Harvard University, A. M., 1922; three summer quarters at University of Chicago and Harvard University. Kerr Boyce scholarship, College of Charleston; Thayer scholarship, Harvard University; Carnegie fellowship in fine arts, Harvard University, Summer of 1927. Acting professor of history, College of Charleston, 1920-21; professor of history and director of the library, College of Charleston, 1922-; professor of history at University of South Carolina, summer sessions of 1929 and 1930. Publications: History of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston, South Carolina (1929); A History of the College of Charleston (1935); Rules of South Carolina Society (1937). Articles in Dictionary of American Biography, South Atlantic Quarterly, Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association, and various newspapers; reviews in Yale Review, American Historical Review, North Carolina Historical Review, and Journal of Southern History.

PAUL B. FOREMAN, (27) associate professor of sociology, University of Mississippi: appointed for a study of population trends in Mississippi, 1880-1930, at Vanderbilt University. Born June 3, 1911, Baker, Oregon. Education: Reed College, 1929-30; Oregon State College, 1930-32; University of Oregon, B. S., 1933, M. A., 1935; Vanderbilt University, 1935-36; University of Minnesota, Summer of 1937. H. W. Hogue fellowship, Reed College; Washington High School, Portland, senior scholarship for year at Reed College; teaching fellowship in sociology, Vanderbilt University. Member Phi Delta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Delta. Research agent for Oregon State Planning Board, summer of 1936, associate professor of sociology and head of department, University of Mississippi, December, 1936-. Publications: "Administration of Juvenile Male Delinquency Cases in the Courts of Oregon," Journal of Juvenile Research, July, 1935; "A Note on Population Records and Reporting in Welfare Institutions," Social Forces, March, 1938.

MITCHELL FRANKLIN, (36) professor of law, Tulane University: appointed for a study of French influences in American jurisprudence with special reference to Louisiana. Born February 19, 1902, Montreal, Canada. Married. Education: Harvard University, A. B., 1922, LL. B., 1925, S. J. D., 1928. Law adviser, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, 1925-28; with Chadbourne, Stanchfield and Levy, New York, 1928-30; professor of law, Tulane University, 1930-. Publications: has contributed articles to various legal journals; reporter in one of the broad fields of law at last two meetings of the International Congress of Comparative Law at the Hague.

RUFUS CARROLLTON HARRIS, (41) president of Tulane University: appointed for studies of university developments in Europe. Born January 2, 1897, Monroe, Georgia. Married, three children. Education: Mercer University, A. B., 1917; Yale University, LL. B., 1923, J. D., 1924; Mercer University, LL. D., 1932. Professor of law at Mercer University, 1924-27, dean of law school, 1925-27; dean of law school at Tulane University, 1927-37, president, June, 1937-.

THOMAS A. HART, (33) assistant professor of biology, West Georgia College: appointed for studies in science with special emphasis on the teaching of biology in normal schools and teachers colleges, at University of Chicago. Born August 18, 1905, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Married. Education: Richmond College, 1925-27; College of William and Mary, B. S., 1930. Emory University Medical School, one semester, 1931-32; Emory University, M. A., 1933, M. S., 1937. Member of Sigma Upsilon, Kappa Phi Kappa, Phi Sigma. Assistant professor of biology, West Georgia College, 1933-.

GEORGE D. HUMPHREY, (41) president of Mississippi State College: appointed for study of regional culture in Mississippi under auspices of Ohio State University. Born August 30, 1897, Tippah County, Mississippi. Married, one child. Education: Blue Mountain College, B. A., 1929; University of Chicago, A. M., 1931; Ohio State University, 1933-34 and one summer. General Education Board fellowships. Varied experience as a teacher of rural schools, principal and county superintendent; president, Mississippi State College, 1934-. Member of Phi Delta Kappa. Publications: various articles in Mississippi Educational Advance.

MORTON B. KING, JR., (25). Appointed for field studies in rural sociology in a Tennessee county, under auspices of the University of Wisconsin. Born March 24, 1913, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Education: Vanderbilt University, B. A., 1934, and M. A., 1936; summer of 1934 at Vanderbilt School of Social Work; University of Wisconsin, 1936-. Wall scholarship at Vanderbilt University, two years; Vanderbilt University fellowship, University of Wisconsin fellowship, two years. Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Upsilon, and Alpha Kappa Delta.

FRED B. KNIFFEN, (38) associate professor of cultural geography, Louisiana State University: appointed for studies in the cultural geography of southern regions. Born January 18, 1900, Britton, Michigan. Married, two children. Education: Superior Teachers College, Wisconsin, 1917-18, 1919-20; University of Michigan, A. B., with high distinction, 1922; University of California, Ph. D., 1929; Southwest Laboratory of Anthropology, 1929. University fellow in geography, University of California, field work in Mexico; scholar, Southwest Laboratory of Anthropology, Santa Fe, summer of 1929. Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi. Assistant at University of Michigan, 1920-22; assistant professor at Louisiana State University, 1929-31, associate professor, 1931-. Publications: Articles with particular reference to regional problems in Bulletin of Geological Society of America, The Geographical Review, Louisiana Conservation Review, Annals of the Association of American Geographers, and other professional magazines.

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LEROY E. LOEMKER, (37) professor of philosophy, Emory University, Georgia: appointed for research and creative writing in philosophy at Harvard University. Born December 28, 1900, Platteville, Wisconsin. Married, three children. Education: Dubuque College, A. B., 1921; Columbia University and University of Chicago, summers of 1921 and 1922; Boston University, S. T. B., 1927, and Ph. D., 1931; University of Berlin, 1927-28. Jacob Sleeper fellowship, Boston University; American German exchange scholarship; Borden P. Bowne fellowship, Boston University.

CHASE C. MOONEY, (24). Appointed for a study of agriculture in Tennessee involving a comparison and contrast of slavery and tenancy, under the auspices of Vanderbilt University. Born December 30, 1913, Davidson County, Tennessee. Education: Vanderbilt University, B. A., 1935, and M. A., 1936, 1936-. Wall scholarships at Vanderbilt University, 1932-33, 1934-35; graduate scholarship, 1935-36, teaching fellowships, 1936-38. Member Phi Beta Kappa.

DORIS M. PORTER, (30) associate state director, Farm Security Administration, Jackson, Mississippi: appointed for study of the methods of rehabilitating stranded farm populations in America and Europe. Born July 1, 1908, Citronelle, Alabama. Education: University of Alabama, A. B., 1928, M. S., 1932, certificate in social case work, 1935. Member Phi Upsilon Omicron. Teacher of home economics for eight years in high schools in Alabama; associate state director in charge of home economics and social service, Farm Security Administration, Jackson, Mississippi, 1936-.

CHARLES EUGENE SHANNON, (24). Appointed for creative work in the painting of southern types. Born June 22, 1914, Montgomery, Alabama. Education: Emory University, 1930-32; Cleveland School of Art, 1932-36. Scholarships at Cleveland School of Art for three years; upon graduation received Agnes Gund award for study in Mexico. Instructor, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 1936-37. Exhibits: Cleveland Museum of Art, 1935-36, honorable mention (highest award) in figure composition, 1936; Ashtabula, Ohio, Public Library, 1936, accompanied by lecture on art appreciation; one-man show at Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 1937; Alabama Art League, 1937; Southern States Art League, Atlanta, 1937; Cleveland School of Art, 1938, one-man show at Seligman Galleries, New York, 1938.

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FELLOWSHIP AWARDS - 1938

To Negroes

FRED W. ALSUP, head of the Science Department, Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee: zoological studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

FANNIN S. BELCHER, assistant professor of English and director of dramatics, West Virginia State College: studies in drama at Yale University.

ARNA BONTEMPS, writer, Chicago, Illinois: creative writing.

BRAILSFORD R. BRAZEAL, Dean of Men, Morehouse College, Atlanta: studies in economics at Columbia University.

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HORACE CAYTON, Chicago, Illinois: continuation of studies in sociology and statistics at the University of Chicago. (Renewal).

SCHIEFFELIN CLAYTOR, Washington, D. C.: continuation of research in theoretical mathematics. (Renewal).

ANNE COOKE, director of dramatics, Spelman College, Atlanta: studies in the drama and related arts at the Yale School of Fine Arts.

JOHN A. DAVIS, assistant professor of political science, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania: a study of the Negro in politics in New York, at Columbia University.

WILLIAM H. DEAN, instructor in economics, Atlanta University: continuation at Harvard University of an analysis of the location of economic activities. (Renewal).

E. HORACE FITCHETT, dean of Claflin College, South Carolina: a study of the traditions of the free Negro in Charleston, South Carolina, at the University of Chicago.

JOHN H. FRANKLIN, instructor in history, Fisk University: a study of the free Negro in the ante bellum South, at Harvard University. (Renewal).

SHIRLEY GRAHAM, supervisor of the Negro Unit of the Chicago Federal Theatre: for studies in the theatre and music at the Yale School of Fine Arts.

VIOLA GOIN of New Haven, Connecticut: studies in bacteriology at the University of Michigan.

LEILA GREEN of Canton, Ohio: studies in organic chemistry at Radcliff College.

DEWEY JONES of Chicago, Illinois: sociological studies in relation to the Hull House community, Chicago.

LEWIS W. JONES, research assistant in sociology at Fisk University: studies in sociology and anthropology at Columbia University.

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MELVIN D. KENNEDY, teacher, Atlanta University Laboratory School: studies in the history of the French slavery question, 1800-1850; at the University of Chicago and in France.

CLINTON E. KNOX, instructor in history, Morgan College, Maryland: studies in French history at Harvard University and in France. (Renewal).

E. A. LANIER, assistant professor of English, Fisk University: studies in American literature at Harvard University.

JAMES R. LAWSON, St. Augustine's College, North Carolina: continuation of investigations in infra-red spectroscopy at the University of Michigan. (Renewal).

BIRTILL A. LLOYD, professor of physics, Philander Smith College, Arkansas: studies in physical chemistry at the University of Illinois.

JAMES LuVALLE, graduate assistant in chemistry, California Institute of Technology: studies in physical chemistry at California Institute of Technology.

BOOKER T. McGRAW, teacher of economics, Lincoln University, Missouri: continuation of studies in economics at Harvard University. (Renewal).

GUICHARD B. PARRIS of New York City: studies in French history and literature, specifically the life of Henri Baptiste Grégoire, at Columbia University and the Sorbonne.

REED E. PEGGRAM of Dorchester, Massachusetts: studies in comparative literature at Harvard University.

IRA DeA. REID, professor of sociology, Atlanta University: studies in race and population problems, at the London School of Economics.

RUTH M. SMITH of Washington, D. C.: studies in anatomy and endocrinology at Western Reserve University.

FRANK M. SNOWDEN, Jr., instructor in the classics, Spelman College, Atlanta: studies in the classical languages, literature and archaeology, at Harvard University.

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HOWARD SWANSON, Cleveland, Ohio: studies and creative work in musical composition, in Paris.

JOSEPH T. TAYLOR, East St. Louis, Illinois: studies at the University of Illinois in the field of criminology.

MYRON B. TOWNS, professor of chemistry, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College: studies in electrochemistry at the University of Michigan.

HARRY J. WALKER, instructor in sociology, Fisk University: continuation of studies in sociology at the University of Chicago. (Renewal).

CHARLES E. WEIR, assistant in chemistry at Howard University: research in nuclear chemistry and quantum mechanics at the California Institute of Technology. (Renewal).

STANTON L. WORMLEY, professor of German, Virginia State College: studies in comparative literature at Cornell University.

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To White Southerners

CHARLES R. ANDERSON, assistant professor of English, Duke University: creative writing in the cultural history of the South.

JOHN D. BLACK, instructor in zoology, University of Arkansas: studies in zoology, specifically directed toward the conservation of southern fish.

INA C. BROWN of Gatesville, Texas: continuation of studies in social anthropology. (Renewal).

JOHN T. CALDWELL of Yazoo City, Mississippi: continuation of studies in public administration (especially in the field of taxation) at Princeton University. (Renewal).

LEWIS S. COPELAND of Houston, Texas: continuation of studies in sociology at Duke University. (Renewal).

HARRY W. CULBRETH of Dillwyn, Virginia: a study of the present methods of supplying life insurance and of the possibility of meeting the needs of low-income groups through cooperative insurance societies.

J. H. EASTERBY, professor of history, College of Charleston: studies in southern history at the University of Chicago.

PAUL B. FOREMAN, associate professor of sociology, University of Mississippi: a study of population trends in Mississippi, 1880-1930, at Vanderbilt University.

MITCHELL FRANKLIN, professor of law, Tulane University: a study of French influences in American jurisprudence with special reference to Louisiana.

RUFUS C. HARRIS, President of Tulane University: studies of university developments in Europe.

THOMAS A. HART, assistant professor of biology, West Georgia College: studies in science with special emphasis on the teaching of biology in normal schools and teachers colleges.

GEORGE D. HUMPHREY, President, Mississippi State College; a study of regional culture in Mississippi.

MORTON B. KING, Shelbyville, Tennessee: field studies in rural sociology in a Tennessee county, under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin.

FRED B. KNIFFEN, associate professor of cultural geography, Louisiana State University: studies in the cultural geography of southern regions.

LEROY E. LOEMKER, professor of philosophy, Emory University, Georgia: research and creative writing in philosophy.

CHASE C. MOONEY, Nashville, Tennessee: a study of agriculture in Tennessee involving a comparison and contrast of slavery and tenancy, under the auspices of Vanderbilt University.

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DORIS M. PORTER, associate state director, Farm Security Administration, Jackson, Mississippi: a study of the methods of rehabilitating stranded farm populations in America and Europe.

CHARLES E. SHANNON, Montgomery, Alabama: creative work in the painting of southern types.

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Awards are made once a year by a committee consisting of Dr. Will Alexander, Director of the Farm Security Administration, Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, Mr. Henry Allen Moe, Secretary of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and Mr. Raymond R. Paty, Director for Fellowships of the Fund.

17-5-28

January 5, 1938

My dear Mr. Rouseve:

I thank you very much for the copy of "The Negro in Louisiana" which you have kindly sent me. I have glanced at it and note with interest your wide reading. I shall read it later with great interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles B. Rouseve
1323 Columbus Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Pittsburg, Kansas
Sept 23, 1938

Dear Sir:

I am interested in our life and marks as a topic for research leading to the Masters Degree. Realizing a study of your life and marks would be a job of a lifetime and a task far too large for a Master Thesis, the History department has advised me to treat one phase of the subject.

Primarily I am intrested in your work as founder of the Pan African Congresses as well as the work of the Congresses. I am in a northern College material on the movements, problems, and people of our race is very limited, hence a student writing on any phase of Negro achievements are force to look elsewhere.

Therefore I am writing you asking if you will supply me with the necessary material, or direct me as to where and how I might obtain the material for this study.

I would also appreciate information regarding your life in general and detail, for it is the highest of and hope and ambition to continue my study of your life and finally write a biography of your life an epoch unequaled contributions to your race and humanity.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. M.F. Reuss
1005 S. Elm St
Pittsburg, Kansas.

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September 28, 1938

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My dear Sir:

The writer of a thesis is limited in his choice of subjects to those in which he has accessibility to enough original material. In the case of the Pan-African Congress the only original material I know of is in manuscript form in this office and cannot be allowed to go out of the office nor could it be transcribed at any reasonable expense. If you wish to come and use it here facilities would be afforded you.

Outside of this you will find articles in the Crisis (vols. 18, 22, 26, 27, 34) concerning the Congress that refer to some European sources, publications, newspapers, etc. This is the only material on the subject that I know of.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. M. A. Runers
1005 South Elm Street
Pittsburg, Kansas

[Russell]

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2011 I Street, N.W.
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February 18, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr, Rayford:

I am truly regretful that I shall not be able to show my profound respect for Dr, W.E.B. DyBois by participating in the celebration of his anniversary on February 23. No man has better deserved the admiration of all that in these backward looking times still strive for the emancipation of man. The courage of Dr, DuBois, his entire consecration to the great cause of justice between man and man, his unswerving championship of the basic truths of democracy, his vision, his power of compelling thought, his invaluable contributions to literatire and history, mark him as one of the outstanding men of the age. I should like to congratulate him upon his long career of usefulness, upon his brillaint achievements, upon his gifts of pen and speech, and thank him most sincerely for his great service to a great cause.

Yours very truly

Charles Edward Russell

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have long wished to have an opportunity to write to you about your book, "Black Reconstruction," and being here now on a kind of vacation, I have the chance.

It seems to me you have made an inestimable and enduring addition to history with this great work. Looking at it first from the point of view of technique, I have had experience in research and know what it means. You have made here an achievement in research unequalled by anything I have encountered elsewhere. To examine such an immense mass of testimony must have required years and could have been done only with a patience and care that quite astonish me. Then the restraint with which the book is written--that again seems to me remarkable. You set forth the ascertained and documented facts and allow the reader to draw his inevitable conclusions as to the vast accumulation of misrepresentation and fake that has obscured this passage in American history. You calmly dispose of one fabrication after another by the sheer force of the facts you present, and nothing could be more effective. And you have made the dryest phase of the story interesting by your illuminating style.

I have had an immense profit from reading and re-reading this priceless contribution to history. I was deeply gratified first to observe how clearly you demonstrate that the Civil War had no other cause than slavery, a fact that virtually all our later day historians evade or distort. You place it beyond question. Then I was gratified next to observe how frankly you dealt with the

subject. Some of our friends believe that we should not mention it because it is painful to so many of us. But it seems to me we can never have a clear conception of the Civil War, one of the greatest dramas in human experience, without candid and adequate consideration of the cause of the conflict, and this you make absolutely and uncompromisingly clear. Then I liked well your attitude toward the Abolitionists, whom it is now the fashion to disparage and condemn.

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All this is of extraordinary value, in view of the confusion the propagandists have thrown over these matters, but even greater is the value of your demonstrations of the truth about the Reconstruction Period. I cannot adequately express my sense of obligation for this great flood of light. You have done to the cause of truth and justice a service beyond all estimate and have done it with a courage, a clarity and a reasonableness that make the book a landmark in historical writing.

It seems to me strange that this great book had been published nearly two years before I knew of its existence and learned of it then only because I wrote to you to inquire when we might expect its appearance. Being of this incomparable importance to the cause in which we are enlisted, we should all have known of it at once and should have backed it to the limit. In these conditions, I have no knowledge of the reception it had, but I trust it received some of the attention it deserves. One person to whom I have talked about it. and he an associate of ours, admitted its great qualities but thought you had erred in bringing forward your "Marxism" as he termed it. I cannot see where any Marxism is intruded. You had naturally to offer the economic background of the struggle and of course there was but one.

I have had so much pleasure and profit from the book that it seem seemed incumbent upon me to make some acknowledgment. It may interest you to know that on inquiry at the Congressional and Carnegie libraries in Washington I found that both had been supplied with two copies of the work but both were reported "out." I hope this means merely popularity and not something more sinister.

Yours very truly

Charles Edward Russell

15-31-84

November 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Russell:

I have long had your letter of last July concerning Black Reconstruction. I was very much pleased and heartened with it. It has had varied reception: it received a large number of very favorable reviews at first and then was treated with rather prolonged silence. Every once in a while I get a letter from somebody who seems to think the job was not badly done. I put a lot of time and trouble into it. It indicated a number of paths which I should like to pursue further. My largest effort just now is toward editing and publishing an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. The Phelps Stokes Fund is financing the promotion and we have a rather imposing list of editors, advisers, etc. The financing will cost about $250,000 and that means that we have got to get support from the "funds". That, of course, is a problem especially in the case of a person as suspect as I am. There is however a chance and if you can push it along any place, do so. I am enclosing one of our letter-heads.

I am also about to finish what started out to be a revision of my little book The Negro in the Home University Series for Holt. It has turned out to be an entirely new book of three or four hundred pages. I hope to have it published this winter and I know you will be interested in it.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Russell.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles Edward Russell
2011 Eye Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D.C.
November 10, 1938.

Dr, W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

15-31-86

My dear Doctor Du Bois;

I am glad indeed to hear from yku again. Anything I can do to help along your beneficent project I will do with great satisfaction.

I am still resentful because I did not know of "Black Reconstruction" until a year and a half after its appearance. There is one book I should like to review. Loked at it from any point of view within the scope of truth and reason, and it is a most remarkable and admirable performance. As research, as history, as narrative, as the revelation of the trials of a race misunderstood and horribly maltreated, as an irresistible appeal to justice, as a demonstration of the real nature of slavery and its real reason to be, as illuminating economics, as a complete handbook of actual happenings in the South in the Reconstruction period, it is beyond ordinary praise. There are so many good features about it that one could not tell them all in an ordinary article. Among them I want to thank you most sincerely for these, that you put the cause of the Civil War exactly where it belongs, without equivocation and with absolute proof. That you show relentlessly the real origin of the campaign against the colored Americans growing out of the post war period. And incidentally, you refer continually to that infallible source of true information about the Civil War causes, the old Congressional Globe. It rejoiced my heart to find another writer that had been

poring over those neglected volumes. How foolish they cause to appear the fantasies chased by Ford and the rest! A great work you did. I have been trying ever since I came upon it to boom it. My talk at the Columbus Convention about poisoned text books referred to "Black Reconstruction" as the sure source of accurate knoweldge wherewith to antidote the venom of the text books and since then I have had several inquiries for further light all of which I have referred to the same source.

I hope you keep well. It is reassuring to know that your energies go on unabated in this great cause, We shall not see it win out in our time but our grandchiodren will see it and we are working for them.

Yours very truly

Charles Edward Russell

15-31-87

November 25, 1938

My dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your letter of November 10. Let me say right off that I am in excellent health and hope to put in a few more years of work. I am just today sending off a manuscript of five hundred pages which is a history of the Negro race with enough of Marx lugged in to make some of my friends unhappy but it is a good, well documented history. I will see that you get a copy when it comes out next spring. Holt is publishing it. I receive from time to time very encouraging letters about Black Reconstruction. Two came recently from working men which pleased me very much.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Russell.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles Edward Russell
2011 I Street Northwest
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
2011 I Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1939.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I rejoice to know that you have done another book and thank you earnestly for remembering me about it. I look forward to it with keen interest. You have set such a pace in research, clarity, accuracy, interest, everything that make historical writing worth while, that I am eager to see this new achievement. We need a book on the subject you have chosen.

About the Marxism, Good Lord, how can any reasoning man look over the world today and fail to see that there is no way out of this mess except the way indicated by Marx? It's either Marxism or the return to serfdom.

I am glad to know that your health is good. May you have many years of it.

Yours very truly

Charles Edward Russell

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February 18, 1938

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Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Secretary
DuBois Birthday Fund
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

Unfortunately, circumstances are of such that it will not be possible for me to attend the banquet honoring the 70th birthday of our friend, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. However, the students and faculty of St. Paul's School, through me, wish to send felicitations to Dr. DuBois and all of us hope that he may be spared for many more years of useful service.

Regretting my inability to be with you, I am

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

J. Alvin Russell,
President

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Dear Dr. Gray,

Owing to previous obligations which must be met, I am unable to contribute to the Birthday Fund. It is certainly

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very fitting that
Dr. DuBois should
be honored by a birthday
celebration as a
testimonial of the
splendid work he has
done and is continuing
to do. Regretting my
inability to be in
this affair,

Sincerely,
Anne Cogdill Ruthkay

Spelman College
February 15, 1938.

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Sage

DEAN SAGE
49 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

February 3, 1938.

12-12-81

Rayford W. Logan, Esq.,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Logan:

Answering your letter of January 4th (only received today), I take pleasure in enclosing my check for $25 to the order of The DuBois Birthday Fund, Atlanta University.

I am glad to be a sponsor for the exercises to honor Dr. DuBois's long and brilliant service to education. I am only sorry that the distance from New York to Atlanta makes it impossible for me to attend the banquet to be held on February 23rd.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Dean Sage

DS.D.P.

Encl.

Sage

DEAN SAGE, JR.
49 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

February 3, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

17-8-31

Dear Dr. Logan:

I have your letter of January 4th concerning the DuBois Birthday Fund and am pleased to enclose my small contribution of $5. I am sorry this cannot be more.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Sage Jr

DSJr/AS/P

Encl.

December 2, 1938

My dear Julia:

17-10-37

I could speak at St. Augustine in April somewhere between the seventh and tenth pending matters. My charge would be thirty-five dollars. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects. I hope this will find you well and the family. I have not seen you for a long time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Julia Delany
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

St Augustine's College
Raleigh North Carolina
December 12, 1938

12-10-38

My dear Dr. DuBois,

It was a pleasure to hear from you again. My friend, Mollie had "raved" about your extremely hospitable care of her during her stay in Atlanta last summer. I was a "bit" jealous! However, my Committee at the college will be happy to have you with us in April. I will write you again concerning the matter. Or would it be better for you to suggest possible dates?

With every good wish for continued success and happiness, for a joyful holiday season, I am always cordially

Julia Delany

December 15, 1938

My dear Julia:

17-10-39

Thank you for your letter of December 12. I am delighted to know that you were a bit jealous. I suggest as a good time for a lecture at St. Augustine, Monday, April tenth. I would prefer personally April eight or nine but I know that Saturday and Sunday are usually bad days. If they are not in your case, I can offer either of them. My charge would be fifty dollars out of which I pay my own expenses. I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

With best regards,

Miss Julia Delaney
St. Augustine College
Raleigh, North Carolina

St Augustine's College
Raleigh North Carolina
December 19, 1938

My dear Mr. DuBois,

The dates which you suggest are all impossible for us - the 8th & April is Good Friday, one of our holiest days; Saturday before Easter is almost as sacred; and Monday, Easter Monday, the students have to "let go" after the pent-up Lenten season! However, I think that Tuesday, the 12th is a good or a free evening. Another thing; your first letter gave thirty-five dollars as the fee, and it was that fee which made it possible for us to have you come.

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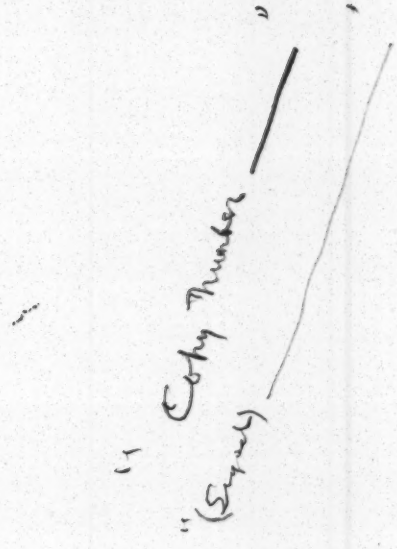
Please let me hear again soon about these two matters.

Good wishes!

Yours sincerely
Julia G. Delany



December 22, 1938

My dear Julia:

I forgot all about your religion up there and I am afraid I will not be able to get to Saint Augustine. You see what I am doing is to slip off for a weekend. Friday, April seventh I am in Durham and probably Sunday, April ninth in Richmond. I might stay over a day but I could not stay over two days. You will have to compromise by coming over to Durham on the seventh and listening to my wisdom there.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Julia Delaney
St. Augustine College
Raleigh, North Carolina

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December 19, 1938

Birth Control

Dear Mr. DuBois:

W.W. Norton & Company, of New York, has just published my new book:
MARGARET SANGER: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

I wanted so much to have the book carry an Honor Roll giving the names of a few hundred who have given some special service to the movement, as you have done. My publishers, however, ultimately decided that owing to the exigencies of publication, limitations of time and paper, etc. that it was not feasible to include the list as originally planned.

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I want you to know, therefore, that it is not because your name does not belong in the book, or any history of the birth control movement, but because of these unforseen difficulties, that it does not appear.

I wish it were possible for me to send personal copies of the book to all those who, like yourself, have stood by in times of storm and stress and helped to build up the movement and bring it to its present standing in this country as well as throughout the world.

Cordially yours,

Margaret Sanger

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February 11, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

49-8-61

My dear Dr. Logan:

I am deeply interested in your plan for a suitable testimonial in honor of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. I believe this to be a very fine commendable endeavor. I think we do far too little for recognition of those people who have made such distinctive contributions as has Dr. DuBois.

I am glad to enclose a contribution of $5 and to serve as a sponsor for the DuBois' Birthday Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Cecelia Cabaniss Saunders

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SUBJECT:

February 3,1938.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
c/o Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

I have received a notice this morning of the fact that there is to be a celebration of your birthday on February 23. I wish very much that I could be present to extend my congratulations and to show you any honor that I could on that occasion. Unfortunately I am tied up on some engagements in the north which will prevent my being present.

I do wish to congratulate you however on reaching your Seventieth Birthday and wish to express to you the hope that you may have before you many years of health and usefulness.

Truly yours,

Albert L. Scott

H:

Scott

ALBERT L. SCOTT
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N.Y.

February 16,1938.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

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Dear Sir:

I regret that your letter of January 4 has remained unanswered so long. Enclosed please find my check for ten dollars towards the DuBois' Birthday Fund.

Truly yours,

Albert L. Scott

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Enc.

[Scottsboro Defense Comm.]

December 19
1938

His Excellency
Honorable Bibb Graves
The Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Governor Graves:

Your refusal to carry thru with your given word to release the remaining Scottsboro defendants on parole to the Defense Committee has caused great concern to all those who know about it, including men of high rank in our national life.

It is a matter of real regret that the time has apparently come when we must release these facts to the general public because we desired to avoid this additional reflection on the name of the State of Alabama. It is your failure to observe your word which requires the publication of these facts.

As Governor of Alabama you gave your word before reputable witnesses within your own state, (and there are documents to support this statement,) that you would release the remaining Scottsboro defendants on parole to the Defence Committee. Date and hour of this release were set by you.

Because your subsequent refusal to go thru with your given word has made a situation where extreme bitterness has arisen having social and political repercussions, it becomes necessary to give a simple time schedule of events which have led to a situation wherein a Governor so shockingly betrays an understanding which was backed by his own word.

In July of 1937, after five defendants had been adjudged guilty by jury and sentenced for terms from twenty to ninety-nine years, the State of Alabama reversed its procedure releasing four defendants thru nolle prosse action, altho all defendants were charged on exactly the same testimony, and for nearly seven years have been considered equally guilty by the State. Obviously this was a thoroly untenable position on which the State of Alabama could not stand, as you freely stated on several occasions.

In December 1937, after preliminary arrangements thru the Alabama Scottsboro Committee, an interview was held with you by Dr. Henry Edmonds, of Birmingham, Chairman of the Alabama Scottsboro Committee, Mr. Grover Hall, Editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, and myself as Chairman of the National Defense Committee.

At the end of that conference you freely stated your intention of releasing the boys as soon as the cases were out of the hands of the judiciary. Copy of a document signed by Messrs. Edmonds, Hall, and myself, dated December 22, 1937, substantiates this statement and is included in this letter as a part of it:

"Memorandum of a conference with Governor Graves, held on December 21, 1937, by Dr. Edmonds, Mr. Grover Hall, and Dr. Chalmers.

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"The letter from Messrs. Johnston, Chappell, Mills, and Dr. Edmonds was before him and had been read by the Governor.

"Dr. Edmonds asked the Governor to listen to the statement of Dr. Chalmers on the present situation of the Scottsboro Case.

"Dr. Chalmers began with the premise as stated in the joint letter before the Governor that the State of Alabama will be subject to criticism and adverse propaganda so long as these defendants remain in prison. He emphasized the incongruity of four of the accused being let out and four remaining in prison on the same charge and evidence.

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"He submitted that it was good public policy to use the powers of executive clemency to remove the case from further controversy and pointed to the well known fact of the Governor's courage and forthrightness in handling difficult situations of similar nature when they came into his jurisdiction.

"He asked for definite action leading to the immediate release of the defendants, the details of procedure to be left to the Governor's judgment. This act would meet with nearly unanimous approval of the Press and informed public opinion redounding to the credit of the Governor and the State of Alabama and was justified under the circumstances.

"Mr. Grover Hall immediately voiced his whole-hearted and unqualified personal support of the statement of Dr. Chalmers and promised his editorial backing in the Governor's capable action.

"Dr. Edmonds assented personally and mentioned that Mr. Chappell and Mr. Mills concurred definitely.

"The Governor stated that he felt the position of the State to be untenable, that either all were guilty or all should be freed, that half fish and half fowl was not reasonable.

"He said that his own mind was therefore clear on the action he should take when the cases "fell in his lap."

"He felt it was not possible for him to take any action so long as there was any pending appeal before the courts, but that when the cases had been decided in the Supreme Courts and legal action had ceased, it was his intention to act quickly and definitely.

"Dr. Chalmers offered to withdraw the appeals if it would facilitate the Governor's immediate action.

"The Governor stated that the cases would be heard in January, that only a few weeks remained to put them before him in regular order, that he would prefer to await action until the cases had passed through their routine.

"He then leaned forward and stated, "I cannot make any promise which would look like a deal. I have already stated my feeling that the position of the State

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is untenable with half out and half in on the same charges and evidence (he used again his expression of half fish and half fowl). My mind is clear on the action required to remedy this impossible position. When the cases come before me I intend to act promptly. I cannot be any clearer than that, can I?"

"The conference lasted nearly an hour. It was agreed by Dr. Edmonds, Mr. Hall, and Dr. Chalmers in an immediate consultation afterwards that their understanding was that the Governor intended to use the powers vested in his office for the immediate release of the accused as soon as the matter was out of the judiciary and in the hands of the executive.

"This memorandum was prepared at once and attested that the record of the conference might be accurate and unquestioned.

(Signed) GROVER C. HALL
HENRY M. EDMONDS
ALLEN KNIGHT CHALMERS

Dec. 22, 1937

In the late spring of 1938, you restated your intention to Mr. Shapiro, Secretary of the National Defense Committee, and at that time made definite suggestions on the men you wished to appear before the Pardon Board as soon as the State Supreme Court rejected the appeal of the last cases. Specifically you insisted that in addition to Mr. Forney Johnston, of Birmingham, and myself, who were necessary as advocates to present certain phases of the case, Mr. Donald Comer, President of Avondale Mills, Birmingham, also son of a former governor, should also appear to support publicly the contention that it was good public policy to release the prisoners.

In July, 1938, this hearing was held with the full knowledge of all interested persons that the pardon hearing was to clear the record for your action. All those taking part knew before the hearing that the Pardon Board's decision would probably be unfavorable, but that it was your intention to act as you had indicated as a matter of good public policy.

After the hearing was completed, you thanked the Pardon Board for their courtesy in meeting in your office, and immediately asked, before adjourning the hearing, that Mr. Forney Johnston, Mr. Donald Comer, Mr. Grover Hall, Mr. Morris Shapiro, Secretary of the Committee, and I remain in your office for a conference.

As soon as the others had gone out, you said that you had asked us to remain that you might tell us the way your mind was working on this matter. You told us that it was your intention to parole the boys in the custody of the Defence Committee as soon as the Pardon Board had submitted its decision and time enough had elapsed for you to hear any that objected to the release.

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Following a brief discussion and congratulations by the Alabama citizens on the courage and wisdom of your decision, the conference adjourned.

Affidavits supporting the above statement can be secured if desired from any one or all of the men present.

Every man expressed himself, afterwards, as being certain of your clear intention.

In preparing for the promised release, I wrote a letter to you outlining the steps to be taken in anticipation of your promised action. This letter, a copy of which you have, was answered by you making only minor suggestions on procedure and by direct implication further documented your given word.

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Subsequently, in a conference with the secretary of the Committee on details, you again expressed your intention to release the Scottsboro defendants at a date that would be in the near future, promising to let the Committee know when the date and hour was set. Subsequently, you set the date of October 24th at ten o'clock. Later, because of illness of your legal advisor, you requested that the date be postponed to Monday, Oct ber 31st. Mr. Shapiro and I were asked to be in your office at ten, and the release of the prisoners was set for eleven o'clock.

A letter was prepared by me at your suggestion covering our understanding of the conditions under which the release to us was to be made. A copy of that is included here:

His Excellency
The Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

My dear Governor Graves:

As you release to our care Haywood Patterson, Clarence Norris, Charles Weems, and Andrew Wright of the so-called Scottsboro Case, I want to tell you what we hope and plan to do with them.

We shall take them to places already prepared for them among relatives and friends. They will not be taken to NewYork or its vicinity. Rather we expect them to be placed in at least two, and preferably three, different cities where relatives or friends of each can help them.

We expect to act, in so far as we can, as unofficial guardians opening up for them, wherever possible, opportunities in schools or trades where they can be rehabilitated.

We understand that they are on a six months parole, during which time they are expected to make a monthly report to the Parole Board. We also shall make a monthly report and shall do all in our power to have them live up to the requirement of their parole. While we can not be, in the very nature of things, official parole officers, we shall in every way conduct ourselves in the spirit

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of that office in its highest sense.

May I add, to this letter of confirmation of our understanding of our responsibility in connection with this act of yours, my appreciation of your courtesy in dealing with us in this issue. It is my opinion that your act will be recognized throughout the world as a right and courageous facing of a situation which has troubled many thoughtful people for many years.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely
(Signed) ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS

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Negro citizens in Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Cleveland were taken into our confidence only after you had officially set the date. Those Negro citizens worked out a detailed plan covering all contingencies for the safe release of the boys and the beginning of their rehabilitation in the outside world. Actual reservations of cars, train accommodations, and services of social workers, were definitely engaged for the particular times needed, and adequate funds for their care were provided.

On Saturday afternoon, October 29th, with everything arranged in detail for their release on Monday, a telegram was received from you asking for a postponement of your agreed action. In the interim former Senator Heflin had had an interview with you and subsequently gave a threatening interview to the papers.

Since that time you have given us no satisfactory explanation for changing your commitment to us of a year's standing.

We have acted with you all along in good faith. There has been no forcing of your decision by anything but the most friendly means. The initiative has been taken by reputable Alabama citizens of standing and influence. You have given us no ground for supposing that your word was not seriously given.

That you should now withdraw from your decision, under which you have knowingly allowed us to act for a period of a year, is such a betrayal of all honor and decency that it has shocked men of high standing who are acquainted with the facts.

If this letter, prepared that there might be a brief resume of the larger record for immediate release before Christmas, goes out to the public it will be because you have refused to take action to clear the name of Alabama from this unquestioned stain on her honor. Men may differ in their convictions about the truth or falsehood of a legal trial. There is no appeal before men of honor from a Governor going back on his given word.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Scottsboro Defense
Committee

From Scottsboro Defense Committee
112 E. 19th St.
New York, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE IN FRIDAY PAPERS, DECEMBER 23, 1938

New York, Dec. 23--A letter asserting that Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama failed to keep his "given word of honor" to release four of the remaining defendants in the world famous Scottsboro case was made public today by Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, chairman of the national Scottsboro Defense Committee.

The charge of breach of faith was contained in a letter addressed to Governor Graves December 19 by Dr. Chalmers in which was reviewed the year-long negotiations for the release of four of the five youths still in prison.

The letter revealed that Governor Graves had set the day and hour for the release as October 31 at 11 a.m., after having postponed it from October 24 at 10 a.m. The four youths who were to have been freed are Haywood Patterson, Charlie Weems, Andy Wright and Clarence Norris. Ozie Powell, the last defendant, is serving a sentence for attacking a sheriff and the governor felt action on his case should be deferred.

Governor Graves was reminded of a conference held in his office December 21, 1937, participated in by Dr. Henry D. Edmonds, Birmingham minister; Grover Hall, editor of the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser; and Dr. Chalmers, who is minister of the Broadway Tabernacle church in New York.

All conferees heard the governor assert, according to the letter, that he felt the position of the State of Alabama to be "untenable" (since four defendants had been freed in July, 1937) and that either all were guilty or all should be freed.

The governor stated further, the record declares, that he could not act while any legal action was pending, but as soon as the courts had finished, he would act "quickly and definitely." The letter quotes Governor Graves directly as saying:

"My mind is clear on the action required to remedy this impossible position. When the cases come before me I intend to act promptly. I cannot be any clearer than that, can I?"

The letter charges also that Governor Graves suggested the persons who should appear at the hearing in July, 1938, before the Alabama Pardon Board on the application of the defendants for pardon, naming Forney Johnston, eminent Birmingham attorney, and Donald Comer,

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son of a former Alabama governor and president of the Avondale Mills, Birmingham.

The pardon hearing was held, the letter said, "with the full knowledge of all interested persons that it was to clear the record for your action."

At the conclusion of the formal hearing Governor Graves requested Messrs. Johnston, Hall, Comer, Chalmers, and Shapiro, national secretary of the defense committee, to remain for a conference and at that time said definitely that he was going to parole the youths in the custody of the defense committee as soon as the pardon board had announced its decision. The Alabama citizens present congratulated the governor and all left convinced that the release was a matter of only a few weeks' time.

When Governor Graves finally set October 24 as the date of release, detailed plans were made for removing the youths from the state, the letter says, and arrangements were made with citizens in Atlanta, Cincinnati and Cleveland for the aid of the defendants.

On October 29, with plans complete, including train reservations, Governor Graves terminated the whole matter with a telegram calling off the October 31 date.

The letter charges Governor Graves with refusing to take action "to clear the name of Alabama from this unquestioned stain upon her honor" and declares:

"That you should now withdraw from your decision, under which you have knowingly allowed us to act for a period of a year, is such a betrayal of all honor and decency that it has shocked men of high standing who are acquainted with the facts."

January 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Scurlock:

I have received the enclosed letter. I think it would be all right for you to forward one of my large photographs.*

Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Addison N. Scurlock
900 U Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

* with bill to them.

February 2, 1938

My dear Mr. Scurlock:

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Will you please send one of my large photographs to:

Mr. Cedric Dover
16 Mulberry Walk
London, S. W. 3
England

and the bill to me?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Addison N. Scurlock
900 U Street Northwest
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November 23, 1938

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My dear Mr. Scurlock:

Will you kindly send a large photograph of myself to:

Mr. William M. Parker
4465th Company, SC F-8
Civilian Conservation Corps
Newberry, South Carolina

and send the bill to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Addison N. Scurlock
900 U Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1930

17-3-68

My dear Mr. Scurlock:

Will you please send me a dozen copies, cabinet size, of my pictures - the one looking down to the side?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Addison N. Scurlock
900 U Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Telephone, Nuneham-Courtenay 6.

30th Dec. 1938

Court Leys,
Toot Baldon,
Oxford.

17-15-57

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 12th, which I ought to have answered earlier but which was mislaid for a few days. I shall be very pleased indeed to look through such a list as you mention, & to offer any suggestions that may occur to me.

Yours sincerely,

C G Seligman

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
Atlanta University,
Georgia, U.S.A.

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[Shaw Junior High School]

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February 1, 1938

My dear Madam:

I thank you for your invitation today but regret to say that I have no plans of visiting Washington in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Nellie M. Quander
1901 Fifteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1938

17-10-38

My dear Sir:

I could speak at Shaw University in April somewhere between the seventh and tenth pending matters. My charge would be thirty-five dollars. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harry Gilsmyth
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

SHAW UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 6, 1938

17-1-15

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Doctor DuBois:

Your letter to Mr. Harry Gil-Smythe, Chairman of the Concert and Lecture Committee, has been received and referred to this office for reply.

We regret that Shaw University will not be able to arrange for a lecture here during the dates indicated because the institution will be having Easter vacation at that time.

Very truly yours,

Walker H. Quarles, Jr.

Walker H. Quarles, Jr.
Secretary

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September 21, 1938

Gentlemen:

I bought this pen in Atlanta, March 17, 1937, at the University Bookstore at this institution. I want a first class pen and during a year's trial this pen has been very unsatisfactory. The ink does not flow freely and the general performance is poor. Will you please see what is the matter with it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company
Fort Madison
Iowa

Shepard

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

12-8-108

January 11, 1938

Dr. Raeford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

I thank you for your circular letter of January 4th. There is no man in the race more entitled to honor than Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. I am glad to have a small part in the same, and I am inclosing you check for $5.00 toward the Birthday Fund. Should there be a necessity for an additional gift in order to carry out your plan, I would be glad to carry out the same.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH
Inc. Check $5.00

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 22, 1938

17-11-60

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 W. 150th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am glad to hear from you. I had wondered what we had done that you would desert us. I missed your visits during the past year.

We can always find some way to accommodate you when you are passing through Durham. It may be that my daughter's family will be in Durham at that time, but if so we have a beautiful guest room in the new dormitory and my house will be your headquarters. Anyway, we will look for you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:JOY

September 17, 1938

17-11-61

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Shephard:

We arrived safely Friday afternoon and in good condition. The trip was pleasant from Durham. Thank you very much for your kind hospitality. We send our regards to you and Miss Rush.

Very sincerely yours,

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

12-11-63

Dear Dr. DuBois

I did not know until after you were gone that some one broke in your car - a policeman found your grip in the field back of our house - I hope nothing was stolen - I regret it very much - I am sending it to you by express - If anything else was stolen please let me know so it can be repated. I want always glad to have you - I want you to lecture during midwinter

Kind regards to Mrs. DuBois

Yours

J E Shepard

September 19, 1938

17-11-62

My dear Mr. Holmes:

I am almost too astonished to write. I knew that Dr. Shepard was well acquainted with you from the contents of his library but he was a busy man when I left and I refrained from adding more to his worries than I already had by descending upon him with my family. You have certainly done a neat piece of work. You should have seen Mrs. Du Bois' eyes when the bag was delivered. Thank you very much and also thank Dr. Shepard and Dean Rush for their very efficient services.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Sherlock Holmes
c/o President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

[W. A. Shields]

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

17-6-57

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
W. A. CLARK, DIRECTOR

January 7, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois: —

My dear Dr Du Bois:-

In applying for a Rosenwald Fellowship which will permit me to study Agricultural Economics at the University of Wisconsin, I have taken the liberty of using your name as a reference.

I hope you will forgive this presumption and that you will find it convenient to respond to any inquiry which comes from the Fund.

With all kind wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours

W. A. Shields

W. A. Shields

17-6-58

January 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Shields:

I shall be glad to say a word to the Rosenwald Fund concerning you when they write me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Shields
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

[Henrietta Shivery]

821 John Street
B'ham., Ala.
Jan. 4, 1938

17-6-70

R D Shivery

Dear "D.D":

I want to thank you for helping to make my Christmas holidays most enjoyable. I appreciate very much the book you gave to me. I had read criticism of Miss Hurston's work.

I am so very sorry that I was unable to spend some

time talking with you.
I hope that on my
next trip over I will
be able to do so.

Now I am a bit
rattled at work. I hope
soon to be able to
adjust myself.

I do hope that
you had a pleasant
vacation. Please remem-
ber me to Mrs. Du Bois
and the baby.

My best love for you,

Dumples

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SINCERE AND AFFECTIONATE WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS TODAY AND IN THE YEARS AHEAD

=HENRIETTA AND HERMAN..

17-12-01

[HENRIETTA SHIVERY]

2501-10th Ave.
Bessemer, Ala.
April 18, 1938

Shivery

Dear "DD":

This must remain between the two of us. If you don't agree with me let me know. I have been up and down this month suffering from the same complaint that you know about. I have decided to enter the hospital this month in Birmingham and have an operation performed. They have a good hospital and competent surgeons here. I have selected one and I have the utmost confidence in him. I have fully made my mind up.

About fifteen, the operation and three weeks in the hospital will cost $165.00. I am in a insurance that will give me $35.00 while I am in the

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hospital and $7.00 a week for twenty
five week after if I am still disabled.
George sent me $25.00. I will have
about $15.00 left from my April check.
It is next to useless to try to get any
cash from Mamma, therefore, I am
not asking her to help. I am going to
try and pay $125.00 down and the
rest in payments. You see how much
I have and you know about now
I am going to ask you to lend me
some money. You are the only
person left that I feel near enough
to ever broach this subject.

It is useless for me to explain
Mamma's attitude on this matter. I'd
rather not tell her mighty because
I know that she would be sure
to make me very unhappy.

17-6-81

I don't know if I have explained
myself fully. I do hope I have.
If the answer is yes or no please
let me hear from you immediately.

Lovingly

Douglas

Shirley

[HENRIETTA SHIVERY]

17-6-27

Shivery

2501 - 10th Ave.
Bessemer, Ala.
April 24, 1938

Dear "D.D":

Saying thank you is just a small thought from me. You know that I sincerely appreciate what you did for me.

I don't know if I explained myself fully. I am going in the hospital Wednesday May 4th. As soon as the operation is over I will write you and let you know how successful it is.

It is needless for me to say that I am extremely nervous. The only thing that upsets me or is the thought that it should

17-6-28

have been done long ago. All
I ask is that you wish me
well.

Love,
Dimples
Shivery

HENRIETTA SHIVERS

821 John Street
Birmingham, Ala.
December 2, 1938

Dear "D.D.":

Believe me when I say that each week I have planned to do just this. As is my custom though, I usually wait until I am just about worn out to start to write, therefore I usually end up just getting

a line or two written to mamma.

I hope you have been enjoying your work this year. I can't say that my work has been so very pleasant.

I suppose you ~~may~~ might or should I say I am able at sea. Sometimes I don't think I made a very wise step last spring. It just doesn't seem to be

working out as I had thought it would. I suppose now the best way to learn things is through the school of experience. There are so many small unexpected things coming up.

Of course I haven't breathed a word of this to mamma. I mean the discontent, of course she knows about the other. Have you any suggestions?

I sincerely want to go back to school. Could you tell me some persons that I might contact to get a scholarship? Do you know anything about a loan that individuals can make from funds called school loans that are large enough to cover expenses for one year?

It seems that I always want to write when I am actually low in spirits.

17-6-83

Please understand me.

Give my love to
Mrs. Du Bois and little
Du Bois, though I ex-
pect she does not re-
member me. Loads
for you.

Your devoted

Rothschild,

Dimples

[HENRIETTA SILVERS]

48-9-71

December 14, 1938

My dear Dimples:

I was very glad indeed to hear from you and wanted to answer right off but I repeat all your excuses. The condition of being all at sea is not confined to any age or condition and the chief thing is not to let it worry you too much. To have your situation quite ideal you should of course have a united home and health and a common life. This can be achieved in time. As long as it is not achieved there is bound to be some friction; but ignore it, be good tempered and reasonable. There is a chance for it to work out very nicely. This is conventional and grandfatherly advice. Nevertheless it is worth something. Personally, I think you did make a wise step last spring. At any rate it is worth following up for several years.

I imagine it would be a nice thing for you to go back to school but I do not think you ought to break ties right now and be away too long a time. There is always, of course, the Rosenwald fellowships. They must be applied for before January tenth and you must have a pretty clear idea of what you are going to do. It might be an idea for both you and Herman to apply. I am sending a blank application form. At any rate think this over and if you wish, write me again.

Your Mother seems very well. Mrs. Du Bois and Du Bois are enjoying their stay. Du Bois is reading very well and developing and taking music lessons. We shall hope to see you Christmas.

Very sincerely yours,

17-6-38

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February 9, 1938

My dear Dr DuBois:

This is to express to you my thanks and appreciation for the interest that you have shown in me. To date I have not had the opportunity to present your letter of introduction to Mr Banks but will do so at my earliest chance. However, he did send me a copy of a letter he wrote you concerning me and again I must thank you.

Since coming here I have been unusually busy and believe that I am going to like it here very much. There are quite a few of my former classmates and friends here, which

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helps to take away the feeling of newness; then too my executive secretary, Mr Craver, has made every effort to make things agreeable for me.

Because my work is actively confined to the community in general, I have had an unusual opportunity to meet the leaders here in the city of Houston and believe that I have begun the making of a favorable impression.

I shall let you hear from me from time to time and shall keep you informed as to my activities.

Sincerely yours,

Edwards

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D R W E DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

A TOKEN OF THOUGHT FROM ONE FAR AWAY TO SHOW THAT I HAVENT FORGOTTEN THE DAY.

LLEWELLY K SHIVERY.

TELEPHONE FAIRFAX 9098

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LLEWELLYN K. SHIVERY

Boys' Work Secretary
COLORED BRANCH
Y. M. C. A

1217 BAGBY STREET
HOUSTON, TEXAS

[Louie D Shivery]

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45 C STREET, S. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

RAYMOND 0561

February 7, 1938

Dr. Ira De A. Reid,
Atlanta University
City.

Dear Sir:

I have contacted Mrs. John Sr., with regard to rendering any assistance which might be desired, but especially that I might get the definite date for the entertainment of Mrs. DuBois, which I and my Breakfast Club wish to give while the distinguished guest is in the city. Mrs. Hope stated that the committee had made no plans, but that she saw no reason why I might not be granted Friday evening of the week. I accepted this offer, and unless other changes are made, I shall be glad to have the date reserved.

17-8-62

This plan will be in keeping with the request of Dr. DuBois who in giving me the program asked that the nature of entertainment be not such as to fatigue Mrs. DuBois.

Hoping that everything is indicative of final success, and again offering my services for the furtherance of this event,

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) L D. Shivery

Head English Department
Secretary Faculty
Booker T. Washington High School

17-6-73

February 10, 1938

Memo to Mrs. Shivery:

Mrs. Du Bois, Yolande and the baby are coming for my birthday celebration. They will arrive Wednesday morning, February 23 and leave probably Saturday. This will give a chance for the following possible social attentions: on Wednesday they will go to the convocation and banquet and need the whole balance of the day for rest. On Thursday there might be a chance for breakfast and tea or lunch and small reception; but the evening should be left free for them to rest from the night before. On Friday there might be something in the evening and in the morning. Saturday should be left clear for either departure or preparing for it. You see there is not much opportunity for anything like individual entertaining and the strain of the long journey is going to be such that both Mrs. Du Bois and the baby will have to be protected from exertion.

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
Atlanta, Georgia

Shivery, Mrs

THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

Kappa Omega Chapter

Atlanta, Georgia
February
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Philacter, CARRIE W. BRIDGES

Dr. Ira De A. Reid,
Department Sociology,
Atlanta University,
City.

17-8-61

My dear Dr. Reid:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I accept your kind invitation to participate in the Testimonial to Dr. W.E.B.DuBois on the occasion of his Birthday Celebration.

This is no doubt one of the greatest gestures of leaders of thoughtof the period, and will contribute to historical records of the race in years to come. A scholar, a philosopher, an historian, a sociologist, a poet; he has not been satisfied to make his own contribution,but he has encouraged every youth of possibilities, and used his influence to aid these in giving to the world their best expression. It is great to have lived fully, but no less great to have recognition and appreciation while in the full vigor of one's activities, and honored by those who know one best, and who have faith and love.

As a former student of Dr. DuBois,1900-1903,when I majored in Sociology,for my A.B. Degree from Atlanta University; and again 1931-1935,when I received my A.M.Degree in Sociology from the same institution,I have the profoundest respect and appreciation for the greatest teacher of the age.

Enclosed please find a money order to cover the contribution for participation and the banquet. Nothing has given me more pleasure than having been invited to participate in this gesture.

With vesr best wishes that the Dr. may have a long and still further useful life,

Most respectfully yours,

L.D. Shivery

(Mrs.) L.D.Shivery

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut St. S.W.

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Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Sec.,
Testimonial Banquet
Dr. W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University
City

Banquet 2.00
Donation 1.00

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February 22, 1938

My dear Mrs. Shivery:

It will be all right for your group to go ahead with a reception to Mrs. Du Bois if it comes in the afternoon of Friday. She could not be out at night because she would be out Wednesday and Thursday nights. It would be all right Friday afternoon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

17-6-75

February 25, 1938

Memo to Mrs. Shivery:

I am going part of the way with Mrs. Du Bois and therefore wil not have a chance to greet Henrietta before she returns. Give her my best regards.

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

[Shivery, C. D.]

17-18

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
Miss Henrietta Shivery
and
Kuklos Philologos Club
invite you to meet
Mrs. W. E. B. DuBois
and
Mrs. Yolande DuBois Williams
on Friday, February the twenty-fifth
Nineteen hundred thirty-eight
from four until seven

Mrs. Shivery's Residence
Eighty-seven Chestnut Street, S. W.

[Madeline R. Shively]

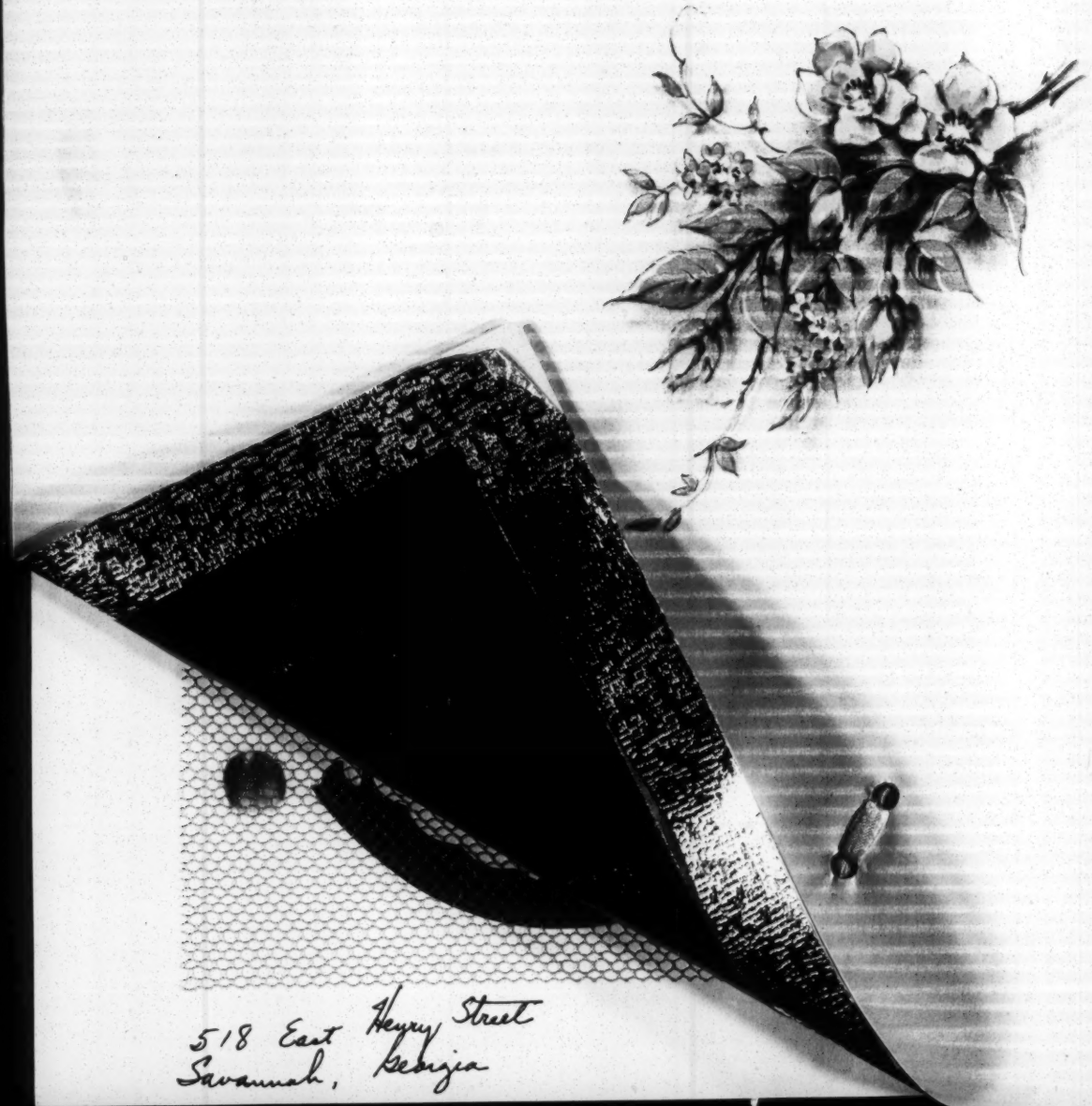
Happy Birthday

To a Very Special Friend

17-17-112

There are millions
of birthdays
Every day through the year,
And millions of wishes
Are sent to bring cheer,
But of all of the birthdays
There are only a few
That rate the good wishes
I'm sending to you.

Madeline R. Shivery



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Feb.,15,1938.

Dubois Birthday Fund,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,Ga.

Dear Sirs:

07-8-11

Sigma Boule,Daton Ohio,takes pleasure in joining with you in your effort to honor Dr.Dubois. This small contribution is only a gesture of the esteem in which he is held by all of us. May he live long and well.

Sincerely,
Geo. F. David.
Geo.F.David
for Sigma Boule
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Sigma Phi Alpha [Sigma Pi Phi]

Atlanta Ga. Feb. 21-38

Dear Archon Du Bois.

17-2-23

Kappa Boulé felicitates you for having reached your "minority"

We wanted to do this last Thursday night, but could not,

You have travelled a road which up to your entrance had few of us as travellers. but the loneliness and oneness that make men, has led you to attract many others, and the simple trail has become a highway.

A simple purposeful life brings about great things for mankind but leaves the individual simple

Our wish is that you may add many more useful years to your "minority" J. R. Porter Gratonally Yours

17-69-68

February 11, 1938

My dear Lady Simon:

I learn that you have inquired for my address at the office of the Crisis in New York. In 1933 I resigned my editorship of the Crisis and my connection with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and came to Atlanta University as head of the department of sociology. My residence is still in New York at 210 West 150th Street but I spend about seven months in the year here in Atlanta teaching and writing. Just now I am revising my little book on the Negro and hope to publish a larger volume on the past and future of the Negro peoples next fall.

I have, of course, followed the fortunes of your husband and I am always tremendously interested in the developments in English colonies. I should be glad to hear from you at your leisure.

Very sincerely yours,

Lady K. Simon
15 Old Queen Street
Westminister, S. W. 1
London, England

Social Theory 1938

Second memo

February 28th 1938

71 ADDISON ROAD
LONDON. W.14.
PARK 8877

15-31-50

Dear Mr Du Bois

I was very glad indeed to get your letter. I knew you had severed your connection with The Crisis a long time ago and were working at a University in the South but I did not know your exact address so I wrote to Walter White. I am now wondering who gave you my address as Old Queen St for, though it is the official head quarters of the Liberal Nationals, I do not live there. However I got your letter of course. We are expecting to move into Downing Street soon - the two residences of the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I wish so much I could take a trip to the States for I would welcome another talk with you and, at the moment I, with others, am trying to see justice done to the natives of the Protectorates in South Africa and your views and help would be most valuable. I am one of the trustees of Aggrey House - a club in London for African Students

and I sometimes go and address them and advise them.
It is a really good home for the poor lads away from
home. I do not know if you saw any account of my
husbands and my action in Scotland because of the
treatment meted out to Bishop Heard and his
great heiress Miss Caldwell. My anger was roused to
white heat at the refusal of a hotel to accomodate
them because of their colours. We invited them out
and showed them publicly with us and I learned
that the poor old man was comforted by our action.
Curiously enough several people in Edinburgh whom
I did not know, came and thanked me for my action
which "took the slur from our city." The poor old
Bishop died when he got home. If you did not see
anything about it I have cuttings I could send you.
Did I ever tell you of a conversation I had with the
wife of an American Judge who was visiting here? I
was driving to a hospital to speak for them and
we were talking of my Anti Slavery Crusade.
"But Lady Simon, you dont know what a problem we
have in our coloured population." I replied quickly and
indignantly "Yes, and you deserve every bit of your problem

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they never asked to come to yrs country from their home. Yrs brought them there by force and now yrs resent them for being there - it is most unjust." She turned to me and said with wonder in her eyes "my Laws! I never thought of it like that." "Well," I replied bitterly, "yrs had better, and all yrs people had better start thinking it out in fairness to the poor people yrs speaks of as a 'problem'." Are the Scottsboro boys out yet? I sent my contribution towards their defence. My husband's legal mind is appalled at the case. Have yrs read "The story of the American Negro" by Ina Corinne Brown? I have just got it. I have read "Sam Black" recently and think it very good. But of all the books which impressed me in my life on this burning subject was yrs "Dark Waters." It is the most beautiful and pathetic piece of literature. Let me know when yrs book comes out.

You have a wonderful talent for beautiful writing.

I have been to Atlanta when in my early years I was in Athens, Georgia and Cates in Tennessee - Knoxville, the Cates place being where I saw what burned into my childhood's mind - injustice to Amanda - when I was told I was not to speak to her as she was descended from slaves. I went right out and took her hand in mind for, child as I was, the thing struck me as cruel and wrong. The white man could do as he liked but the coloured man must be lynched for the same sin. I belong to some anti Lynching Society in America but I dont think it means much to have an English woman, or rather an Irish woman, on it. You had some ideal which you would not give up so left the Crois d'Honor? I then stopped taking it. I have been very near death in the last years but I am beginning my work again. My husband has a very stiff time as you can imagine but he works for his country very earnestly

Yours very sincerely,

Kathleen Simon

Written from bed!!

real Memo

May 2, 1938

15-31-63

My dear Lady Simon:

I have your letter of February 28. Five days before I received it I celebrated my 70th birthday. I am sending you herewith a copy of my address on that occasion.

I am revising my little book THE NEGRO in the Home University Library and making it really a new book which I think I shall call BLACK FOLK PAST AND PRESENT. I have been reading most of the recent literature on Africa and especially noted Perham and Curtis on the Protectorates of South Africa and books by Miss Hunter, Miss Mair, Orde Brown, Merle Davis and others. I have been trying to promote an Encyclopaedia of the Negro and we have some assurance of getting funds. I have been in correspondence with Malinowski, Laski and others in England. I was in England a few weeks during the summer of 1936 on my way to Germany and thence around the world by way of China, Japan and Hawaii. I believe you were not in town at the time.

I trust this will find you in renewed health. I note the burden which your husband is bearing.

Very sincerely yours,

Lady Kathleen Simon
71 Addison Road W. 14
Park 8877
London, England

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71 ADDISON ROAD
W.14.

May 28th 1938 London

5-31-90

My dear de Bois

I do not know how to thank you for giving me such a delightful treat as the reading of "A Pageant in Seven Decades" has been. I have always had great pleasure in reading your books for your style is elegant, pure and simple. Your philosophy in your ending of your address is very telling and shows us who come along after you how to greet the end. It is almost like the

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remarks of one of the French politicians
who was retiring and some one who
was consoling him asked him sympathetically
"whatever will you do now"? The reply
burns us all up "Do? I shall now live
until I die." I wish I could meet
you again. I have been so near leaving
the earth that now I want to meet my
friends in case I start to die again,
and, though you dont know it, I count
you as one of my friends. I have worked
so hard during my life for justice for all
those races who are often scorned by
their inferiors that I feel drawn to all
who suffer. Remember I lived in Georgia
and Tennessee and know what I am

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talking about when I speak of Cruelty injustice and oppression.

My husband is a very hard worked man but he likes it and he has a really wonderful brain and a most lovely character. We are moving into the official residence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Downing St in the Autumn. Be sure to let me know if you are coming over as you must let me see you. Again thank you very, very much for giving me so

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much pleasure by reading Yours Address

Yours Very Sincerely

Kathleen Simon

I suppose You know Garland Anderson.
He has married again and this time a
white wife and most intelligent Lady.
I see them sometimes.

We are having a Club for African
Students and Mrs Anderson and I
are doing all we can about it. We want
playing fields for them too.

K. S.

June 28, 1938

17-2-14

My dear Mr. Slaughter:

Please reserve a room for one Thursday night, June 30.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Slaughter
Slaughters Hotel
514 North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

[SMITH]

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GENERAL OFFICES
152 MADISON AVE.
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17-17-60

February 9, 1938.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Logan:

Your favor of January 4th at hand informing me of the purpose of the friends in Atlanta University to honor Dr. DuBois on his seventieth birthday.

I am sure those of us who know him rejoice in the long life to which he has been spared, and also in the splendid service which he has rendered to the cause which lies so near his heart.

I regret to say, however, that I must decline to make any contribution for the memorial, even though the amount you request is small. At the present time seven of the schools of which I am a trustee are engaged in campaigns, and my plans for assisting them are such that I cannot assume an additional obligation.

Wishing you every success in your enterprise, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank A. Smith

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[SMITH]

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois –
Atlanta University –
Atlanta – Ga –

17-11-2

The eldest daughter of Edmond Asa Ware-founder of Atlanta University-

Mrs. Kate Ware Smith
465 Mount Auburn Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

celebrates her fortieth wedding anniversary June 15, 1938.

Will you be among those who will mail to Mrs. Smith, a card of congratulations?

Mrs. George A. Towns
Mrs. Mary Brittain Greenwood
Mrs. Georgia Swift King
(Committee)

787 W. Fair St.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 11, 1938

17-11-3

Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois send congratulations and good wishes to Mrs. Kate Ware Smith on her fortieth wedding anniversary.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Katharine Ware Smith]

465 MT. AUBURN ST.
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

June 17. 1930.

17-11-1

My dear Dr. Allen. Dr. Bois:

Your postage is helped to make our 40th anniversary a big hop for one. So maybe it's a false alarm that Dr. Du Bois has decided that sympathies is the only way out. Hope so.

Best wishes always.

Katharine Ware Smith.

If you can indulge in light literature read our Edmund's stories in the Pictorial Review. "Edmund Lee"! Stories of my babies!

GRANDE HOTEL
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15-31-103

November 30, 1938

My dear Dr Du Bois:

I am writing to ask a favor of you. I hope the request does not presume too much upon your recent knowledge of me, or upon the kindness you have already shown in writing to me encouragingly about our little magazine.

Miss Dreiling and I are planning to apply for a Rosenwald fellowship. We have in mind making a joint application, as the project for which the application is being made is one on which we are both working: a book of criticism of Southern literature. It is our belief, founded upon years of desultory reading and supported by our recent specific study, that the creative output of any section a group is to a large degree limited by those prejudices which the artist and his people share. We will try, in the book we are working on, to form our judgements in part on the basis of our intimate knowledge of the South, in part on the aesthetic criteria of literature which are available to any student of art, and in perhaps larger part upon the theory that life and art are so interrelated that health or poison in one realm will evince itself in the other. An essay in the summer issue of the South Georgia Review (Southern Fiction and Chronic Suicide) indicates the trend of the proposed book more clearly than anything I can say here. The general effect of the book should be towards a clearer understanding of racial relationships

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15-3-51

is the South, and so perhaps would warrant our applying for the fellowship on that basis.

You probably know much better than I do what projects and qualities the Fellowship Committee values. We shall be most appreciative if you will write the Committee mentioning our qualifications, as you see them through reading the little magazine, for the proposed undertaking.

Miss Keeling and I are spending a few months in South America, and left home before receiving details from the Committee. Until I hear from them, I am uncertain who Mr. Patty's successor as Director of Fellowships is. Otherwise the address is Director of Fellowships, Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Ave., Chicago Ill. If you prefer to write directly to them, please do so; otherwise if you will be so kind as to enclose your letter in an envelope addressed to me at Clayton it will, in our absence, get to the hands of our secretary who will be instructed to mail the assembled data to the Committee near the end of December.

We have been completely out of touch with happenings in the States for the past month. But we hope that things are going at least normally well with you and your undertakings. And when we return home and are again in Atlanta we hope to have the pleasure of calling by the university and of seeing you.

We shall appreciate anything you may do for us in the matter of the fellowship, but do not bother write it if you feel your endorsement is unnecessary.

Very sincerely,
Lillian E. Smith

15-31-105

December 10, 1938

My dear Miss Smith:

I shall be very glad to say a word to the Rosenwald people concerning your project and to recommend it. You can refer to me in your application. The application must be in, as I presume you know, by January tenth. I shall hope to see you and Miss Snelling when you come back.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lillian E. Smith
Grande Hotel
Caixa Postal, 660
Belem - Para
Brasil

15-21-107

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee
December 1, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Since coming to Fisk I have been engaged with a study of Haiti, its race and culture, carried on in conjunction with the Race and Culture Seminar here, conducted by Dr. Robert E. Park. Learning of my interest in the specific locality Dr. Park took me under his personal guidance and has assisted me in developing a project for thorough investigation which I have decided to use as the basis for doctorate study in the field of Sociology.

In view of the conditions existing in various parts of the world today, especially in regard to the matter of race, it seems pertinent that such a study as I propose to carry on should have significance and contribute toward an understanding of the racial situations whereever they may be found. Haiti with a background rich in racial lore affords a fertile field of study for a project of this nature and its importance towards the comprehension of problems created in any center that has become a locus for race contact does not seem out of place here.

Dr. Park has given me his sanction and is urging me to continue with the work. Since I too see the great possibilities involved in such an undertaking and have increased and developed my personal interest in the field through research of my own, I am desirous of carrying through the work which I already have begun. To further the work, or rather to enable me to continue with it, I have applied to the Rosenwald Fund for aid, and gave your name as one of my references. I am asking if you will please give me your support on the project and attest my ability to pursue the work, when they contact you for my qualifications and ask your opinion relative to the worth and value of the proposed project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and courtesy and I hope that I shall continue to advance in my chosen field as only a student of yours should do.

Respectfully yours,

Hugh H. Smythe

HHS:s

December 15, 1938

15-21-108

My dear Mr. Smythe:

I shall be very glad to r commend you for aid from the Rosenwald Fund at any time they refer to me. I am glad you are doing interesting research work.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Hugh H. Smythe
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

[Paula Snelling]

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15-31-54

March 28, 1938

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am writing to acquaint you with Creighton Scott, who is communicating with you in the hope that you may be interested in a project he has in mind.

Mr. Scott is the son of Evelyn Scott, the novelist. He is an artist, and will himself tell you more exactly his qualifications. He is very enthusiastic concerning the art of the Negro, and would like to become affiliated with a school where he could instruct in this subject. I have no idea whether Atlanta University is interested in doing anything further than it already is, whether there is a vacancy on your staff for next year - or whether you could put him in touch with some other institution which would be a more likely one for him to make application to. But I do want to assure you that Mr. Scott is an unusual young man. His mother, as you perhaps know, was from Tennessee, early rebelled against the prejudices of her environment, left home at 20 and has lived all over the world since. Creighton spent his early years in foreign countries and acquired a very unstereotype education, free from the prejudices which are likely to rise, among those who live in one place. He is quite a gentleman in appearance, in manner, in feelings, but is free from the objectionable traits which so often are found in those described by that term. I understand that he has great talent and erudition in art. I know that he would come to this particular kind of work with enthusiasm and that he would develope in his pupils their natural tendencies and would most definitely have no desire to convert them to imitation of the white man.

I shall appreciate any consideration you may be able to give his letter, but I am not of course asking you to do more than his application seems to warrant.

Very sincerely
Paula Snelling

This letter and one very pleased with your review of Cook and Clan, and me have received many favorable comments about it.

[March, 1938]

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. JOHN L. ELLIOTT, LEADER

SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE
CENTRAL PARK WEST and 64TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

12-15-59

It has long beenthe custom of the Society, at some special meeting, to recall to memory those of our members who have died during the year. This year we contemplate holding such a meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 3d, at 4 oclock, at the Meeting House, at which we shall give expression to our lasting memories of those whom we honor.

We should be very glad if you and other friends of Miss Isabel Eaton might care to join us in this service at which we can voice our high esteem for Miss Eaton and appreciation of her long devotion to the Society.

We should appreciate it very much if you would be willing to inform anyother of Miss Eaton's friends who might be interested in regard to this service.

12-15-21

March 21, 1938

My dear Dr. Elliott:

For your meeting of April third may I express my tribute to the memory of Isabel Eaton. I have known Miss Eaton since 1896 and was closely associated with her for a year and a half at the University of Pennsylvania where together we made a study of the Philadelphia Negro. It was not in those days an easy thing to arrange joint effort between a Negro and a white man even for scientific collaboration without danger of criticism. Most women under the circumstances would have been far too cowardly to share this work especially under my leadership but Miss Eaton was brave and efficient and our collaboration is a fine memory. I cherished her frankness and intellectual honesty and am sure that that part of her life will never die.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John L. Elliott
Society for Ethical Culture
Central Park West and 64th Street
New York City

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JOHN L. ELLIOTT, *Senior Leader*
2 WEST 64TH STREET
SUSQUEHANNA 7-5200

April 8, 1938.

12-15-61

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Much to my regret, I realize that I have never answered your good and most welcome letter in regard to Isabel Eaton.

These last few weeks have been very strenuous, (and have seemed like years), because, as a result of the Hitler Anschluss, the Vienna Ethical Society was immediately disbanded. The man who had been serving as its Leader for over forty years was put in prison and the distress and even danger to the people who have worked with him have been very real. Especially at this time it is heartening to be in touch with kind friends and your letter not only brought me in touch with Miss Eaton but with you again. Your reference, especially to her courage, independence and goodness gave a fine tone to the memory of her.

Please accept my thanks and cordial greetings.

Yours faithfully,

John L. Elliott

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

[J. A. Somerville] 735

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DR W E B DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

DR AND MRS J A SUMMERVILLE.

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November 25, 1938

17-10-32

My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is lecturing in your vicinity during January and could speak at South Carolina State College, January twenty-fourth to twenty-seventh. His charge is fifty dollars out of which he pays his own expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

The President
South Carolina State College
Columbia, South Carolina

September 19, 1938

Gentlemen:

Will you please attend to the following matters on my car:

1. lubrication
2. see that the wheels are in alignment
3. tighten body bolts
4. inspect the steering
5. touch paint and polish
6. straighten the left front fender
7. inspect battery

Very sincerely yours,

Southern Buick Company
Atlanta, Georgia

November 9, 1938

Memo to Southern Buick:

Will you please attend to the following things on my car:

1. lubricate and grease
2. battery
3. inspect clutch
4. road test

Please phone - Main 4200 - if any other repairs are indicated.

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Southern Buick Incorporated
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Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

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Fletcher M. Green ..... Secretary-Treasurer.

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Dr. E. W. B. DuBois
Atlsnta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Southern Negro Youth Congress, as you know, met in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 1-2-3, 1938 with some 500 delegates, for the purpose of solving Youth Problems that exist in the South as well as the Country. The "Call" of the Congress was "Freedom-Equality-Opportunity". The Congress ended with great enthusiasm among all delegates and observers. As a result of the Congress, a Local Council of the Southern Negro Youth Congress has been set up in the city to aid the Southern Negro Youth Congress and also the Local Youth Problems.

To stimulate interest in all youthful organizations, to present to the city at large, our plans and program and to attempt to make our race realize the values of Civic Consciousness, a committee has arranged an "Echo Meeting" of the Conference of April 1-2-3. At this time it is the desire of the committee to have one of our outstanding Racial Orators to speak. The financial condition of the Local Council is not substantial enough to meet the expenses of all the speakers that have come to our mind, but we would appreciate to the highest your accepting the invitation to speak here. We are asking for your service, because we know you as being one of our most informed Negroes and secondly because you are near to us, and expenses can be reduced greatly. We do not know what expanses will be involved, hut we would be willing to give you transportation and lodging in one of our homes for the night.

Perhaps you remember that Dr. Logan was one of our speakers during the Conference and should you desire any further information, we refer you to him. If such is possible, we would appreciate an immediate answer so our publicity can be arranged for the meeting.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. Pitts, Jr.
J. L. Pitts, Jr.
Acting Secretary

May 26, 1938

Sir:

I have to be in Nashville June eighth; in Lincoln, Nebraska June tenth and eleventh; and in Salt Lake City June thirteenth and fourteenth and then return to Atlanta. Can you tell me if there is any round trip rate that would permit me to take this trip and take in Yellowstone Park? I shall be glad of any information.

Very sincerely yours,

City Passenger Agent
Southern Railway System
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

October 19, 1938

Sir:

I must leave Atlanta, Thursday night, October twentieth, at 6:08 for Cincinnati. Can you secure me pullman accomodations? I am a colored teacher at Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

City Passenger Agent
Southern Railway System
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

October 24, 1938

Sir:

I want to go to Hampton, Virginia leaving here Wednesday night, October twenty-sixth, at 6:10 p. m. I should like to have round trip ticket over the Southern from here to Charlottesville, Virginia and pullman accomodations from Atlanta to Charlottesville. Can you arrange this? You will remember I am a colored teacher at Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

City Passenger Agent
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

December 12, 1938

Dear Sir:

I want to send my daughter who lives in Baltimore a Christmas present of a round trip ticket from Baltimore to Atlanta and return with pullman accomodations. She will leave Baltimore at 5:32 p. m., December twenty-third; arriving at 8:35 the morning of the twenty-fourth. If you can sell me the tickets here and now, I will send them to her. Otherwise let me know the price and I can let her buy the tickets in Baltimore.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. E. E. Barry
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

December 15, 1938

My dear Sir:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I wish a round trip ticket from Baltimore to Atlanta and return and pullman accomodations from Baltimore to Atlanta for one person and for the train leaving Baltimore at 5:32 p. m., December twenty-third; arriving at 8:35 the morning of the twenty-fourth.

I am enclosing my check for $36.10 which will pay for the round trip and the pullman one way. The railway ticket and pullman ticket should be delivered to:

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
436 West Biddle Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George F. Grafton
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

December 19, 1938

My dear Sir:

Can you make pullman reservations for my daughter to return to Baltimore at 1:05, 6:10 or 11:55 Saturday afternoon, December thirty-first? She will have a return ticket. You will remember I am a colored teacher at Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. George F. Grafton
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Southern Railway System

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ATLANTA, GA.
December 20, 1938.

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter to Mr. Grafton of this office, we have reserved in your name lower berth No. 13 in car designated S-15, our train No. 40, Atlanta to Baltimore, December 31, and this space may be purchased any time before departure of train.

Yours very truly,

C. T. Hunt

Assistant General Passenger Agent.

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THE SOUTHERN SERVES THE SOUTH

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[Southern Sociological Society]

RAYMOND F. BELLAMY COYLE E. MOORE PAUL W. SHANKWEILER MARGARET COCHRAN BRISTOL

Florida State College for Women

Department of Sociology

Tallahassee

17-6-65

December 13, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

As chairman of the new section on Criminology and Penology in the program of the Southern Sociological Society, I am casting about for someone to present a fifteen minute paper on some aspect of the Negro in relation to crime. Might I inquire whether you would consider preparing a paper on this subject, or suggesting the name of some other southern sociologist who might have something specially prepared in this field? To date, I have lined up a prison superintendent to speak on "Modern Trends in Penology", and a teacher at the University of Tennessee on "Juvenile Delinquency in Tennessee and its treatment". I should now like to have as a third and last paper something bearing on crime and race comparable to Professor Brearley's study of homicide.

It would be a real privilege to have you participate in this section of the Society's program in the 1939 meeting in Atlanta. I sincerely trust you may see your way clear to accept this invitation or suggest the name of some one who could, if you are unable to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul W. Shankweiler

Paul W. Shankweiler

PWS/acd

P.S. I recall with much pleasure hearing you speak in Massachusetts and in Alabama.

[Southern Sociological Society]

17-6-66

December 16, 1938

My dear Mr. Shankweiler:

I very much want to serve the Southern Sociological Society and have been asked before but just now I am working on the proofs of a spring book and getting another in shape and I am afraid to take on any further obligations before my February lectures in the Middlewest. I appreciate your invitation and hope I may serve you at some later time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Paul W. Shankweiler
Florida State College for Women
Tallahassee, Florida

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-6-47

January 27, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois,

I have a letter from Shirley Graham (man or woman?), now director and supervisor of the Negro Unit of the Chicago Federal Theatre. Your name is given as reference. Will you please give me the benefit of your acquaintance with this applicant?

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University

FMR:DKC

64-9-41

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 28, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois,

Dr. Caldwell has told me that Mrs. Rachel Davis-DuBois might be visiting Fisk University in the early spring. Do you think she is a person we should invite to come to Atlanta? If so, I wonder if you would care to write her about the possibility? Do you think she would care to come unless we paid her a fee?

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University

FMR:DKC

84-7-41

February 1, 1938

My dear Miss Read:

Mrs. Shirley Graham is one of the most promising of the young Negro composers and directors. She came into prominence some years ago when she gave "Tom-Tom" in a city wide project sponsored by the city of Cleveland. The orchestra was directed by an Austrian maestro and the opera planned and composed by Mrs. Graham. She has also written for Etude one article "From Spirituals to Symphonies" which is an excellent survey of the contemporary work of the Negro composer. It appeared in the issue of November, 1936. For two years she taught music at the A and I State College in Nashville under rather difficult circumstances. She went from there to Chicago where she was put in charge of the WPA theatre project and has been carrying on that with success. She wrote me about summer work and I suggested that she might apply to Atlanta University. She is an excellent director and can get work out of large groups and at the same time she knows music.

Very sincerely yours,

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

17-6-50

February 1, 1938

My dear President Read:

Rachel Davis DuBois during the last ten years or more has been developing an unusual technique for improving race relations. She began by surveying in high schools to find out tentatively what the pupils thought of different races. Then with the cooperation of teachers and officials she put on from week to week a series of programs sponsored for the most part by the groups involved: a Jewish chapel exercise with historical and artistic illustrations; a Negro morning; an Italian morning, etc. Then at the end of a month or six weeks she tested the school again as to their inter-racial conceptions. The changes and improvement were usually little less than marvelous. She even put the program on in Washington, D. C. and got cooperation between white and colored schools which was unheard of. In addition to this she has lectured on the general subject of race relations at Columbia, New York University, University of California, University of Hawaii and before numbers of teachers organizations. She is going to be at Fisk during the month of March for lectures and work. I am sure she would be willing to come here for a day or two if she was guaranteed round-trip expenses from Nashville and board.

Very sincerely yours,

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

[Spelman College]

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

SISTERS CHAPEL - TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1938
9:00 a. m.

DR. KIICHI MIYAKE, professor of botany at Tokyo Imperial University, Tokyo, Japan, will be the speaker at a UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION in SISTERS CHAPEL on Tuesday morning, March 22, at nine o'clock.

Dr. Miyake was graduated from Doshisha College in 1893, the Doshisha Harris School of Science in 1896, and Tokyo Imperial University in 1899. He has studied in this country at Cornell University, receiving the degrees of master of arts and doctor of philosophy in 1901 and 1902 respectively.

From 1902-1905 Dr. Miyake was a student in the University of Bonn in Germany, and in 1906 he received the degree of doctor of science from Tokyo Imperial University.

Dr. Miyake is visiting Atlanta University this week as a guest of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.

All 9:00 o'clock classes at Spelman College will meet at 8:00 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

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SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-6-54

March 24, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The years pass rapidly. Spelman College will observe on April 11th the fifty-seventh anniversary of its founding. We shall think on that occasion not only of the founders and Spelman daughters but of all the loyal friends, past and present, who have made possible the Spelman of today.

We have this year the largest enrolment of college students in our history - 350; the senior class numbers 53. Of last year's graduates, 36 are teaching, 10 are engaged in graduate study, 5 have business positions, one is a nurse, and one a housewife.

A large number of our present students cannot complete their college course without a loan or aid in some form. Will you help us this year to help these students?

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Miss Diggs.

Dr. Caldwell accepted the invitation.

A. P. Johnson

17-4-71

June 11, 1938

My dear President Read:

May I continue to occupy my room through summer school? I should like also to continue using the same garage.

Sincerely yours,

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

17-6-56

September 17, 1938

Memo to Miss Read:

We want a girl, preferably from the nursery school, to help with the granddaughter. Miss Ida Jones recommended Doris Strauther, second year college girl, and Miss Evelyn House a senior. She thought it would be better if we could get Miss Strauther since she could give longer service. I am writing to ask if it will be possible to arrange for the services of one of these girls during the school year. What we want would be to have her take charge of Du Bois from sometime after the close of her school through her dinner hour and until after our dinner hour. We are going to the dining room at six and then return immediately to our rooms. What we want is some general supervision and play and reading together or taking a walk on the grounds or something of that sort. Do you think this can be arranged and what should we offer the girl by way of compensation? I should be glad if this could have your early attention.

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Spence

1612 Harding Street,
Nashville, Tenn.
Jan. 13, 1938.

17-8-91

Prof. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.,

My Dear Sir,

It gives me pleasure to show by this small contribution (five dollars, enclosed) my appreciation of Dr. Dubois and his great work for the cause of freedom. He was in classes of my father, Adam Knight Spence, in Fisk University. Also all of us students, both white and colored, knew him well and have rejoiced in the years since that time in his ability and the great things that he has accomplished.

My funds are not abundant at this time but I do not want the name of my father left out from

this testimonial of friendship to Dr. Dubois.
Very likely his teachers of those past years know of the good that he has done. Perhaps they have been encouraging him during these years.
God, his father. Jesus Christ, his master and brother, only can estimate the real value of his life.
When the right time comes, please make known to Dr. Dubois these thoughts and feelings of mine.
I write almost no letters.

Sincerely,
Mary E. Spence.

Mail addressed to me at Fisk always reaches me but more promptly at my street number,
1612 Kerding Street
Nashville, Tennessee.

January 10, 1938

17-2-26

My dear Mr. Spingarn:

May I again trouble you with a matter? On December 18, 1937, I made the following reference to the Walker Manufacturing Company in an article in the Pittsburgh Courier: "Since Madame Walker's death the business has fallen, I have been told, mainly into the hands of white capitalists . . ." Later I received a letter from Mr. Ransom a copy of which I enclose. I answered him according to the enclosed copy. Today I have another letter from him in which he says "Not having seen any statement of yours with reference to your article in the Pittsburgh Courier some time ago, I am writing to inquire as to just what you plan to do before I take further action in the matter." I should be glad for your kind advice. My own reaction is to say nothing further. However, I am speaking in Indianapolis on February 20. I suppose he might do something unpleasant. What do you think?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur Spingarn
36 West 44th Street
New York City

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Jan. 12th, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,

Atlanta University,

Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

12-2-27

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan. 10th, enclosing copy of letter from F. B. Ransom to yourself and your reply.

Without considerable research it is impossible for me to determine whether or not your statement in the Pittsburgh Courier is libelous. It may very well be that some Court might decide that it is injurious to a Negro business catering to a Negro clientelle to have it stated that the business is under the control of whites. In any event, even if such an action could not be sustained, you would be put to considerable expense and annoyance in defending it.

Beyond this, I think that the moral side of it requires some form of correction and I therefore suggest that in your next article in the Courier, under the heading of "Erratum", you make the statement that your original information was incorrect and that Mr. Ransom has informed you that no white people have any interest whatsoever in the Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing Co. Inc. Before making this correction, however, I suggest that you write to Mr. Ransom of your intention to print this erratum and get his approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

Spingarn

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Jan. 13th, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
c/o Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

17-8-100

Dear Dr. Logan:-

Your letter of Jan. 4th addressed to Mrs. Spingarn and myself has just reached me and it is with great pleasure that I enclose my check for $10.00 to the order of the DuBois Birthday Fund.

I trust that this well deserved testimonial will be a great success.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

Enclosure.

January 17, 1938

17-2-28

My dear Mr. Spingarn:

Thank you for your kind advice of January 12. I have written the enclosed letter to Mr. Ransom but have not yet heard from him. There is one complication: my two years' contract to write for the Courier has expired so that while I have sent this to the Courier and asked them to print it as a matter of courtesy, they are of course under no obligation to do so and they are squeamish about giving what they call "free advertising". What can I do if they neglect or refuse to print this statement?

Here is one other matter which perhaps you do not mind giving me general advice. I have a $1,000 life insurance policy in the North Carolina Mutual, perhaps the best of the colored companies. It is dated 1918 and I pay $49.70 a year. They offer me $450 cash or paid-up insurance for $586.00 or full insurance for $1,000 for eight years and seven months. You remember that I will be seventy years of age next month. What would you advise me to do?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur B. Spingarn
36 West 44th Street
New York City

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Jan. 19th, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

Replying to your letter of Jan. 17th:

17-2-18

As to the Courier matter, if the Courier neglects or fails to print your statement, you should write them a letter, stating that you have been threatened with a libel action in the event that this retraction is not published and informing them that if such an action is commenced they, of course, would be involved as well as you, and asking them to print it both on your account and on theirs.

As to your Life Insurance Policy, it is very difficult to give advice, as so many elements enter into it about which I know nothing; for example, whether or not you need the cash, or whether or not the Company is unquestionably solvent and will continue to be so in the future. In no event, would I recommend your accepting the $1,000. policy for 8 years and 7 months. That would be a sheer gamble that you would not live that long, which you cannot afford to take on Mrs. DuBois' account.

If you continue the policy as it is, you will have to pay virtually $50.00 a year and if you should live the 8 years and 7 months, you will have paid, together with the paid up insurance of $586.00 which they now offer you, more than the face of the policy.

I hesitate to give you advice on this matter, but if it were my own policy, one of the questions which would arise in my mind, in the event that you accept the paid up insurance of $586.00 is, what amount would the Company loan me on the policy in case I wished to make a loan. If they would always be willing to loan me $450.00, I should prefer to take the paid up policy.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

January 21, 1938

17-2-19

My dear Mr. Spingarn:

Mr. Ransom is satisfied with the statement and it has been published in the Courier. Thank you for your kind advice.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur Spingarn
36 West 44th Street
New York City

17-12-17

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DR WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

CONGRATULATIONS AND AFFECTIONATE GOOD WISHES FOR MANY MORE HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

ARTHUR B SPINGARN

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June 2, 1938

17-2-20

My dear Mr. Spingarn:

I am writing for some advice concerning my Great Barrington place. So long as I was living in New York it seemed possible to make that a summer home and I have the money now to do so but I am a little hesitant at tying it up there. Mrs. Du Bois is not over enamoured of the place because it stands so near the road and of course if I stay here or even should come further North to work on the proposed Negro encyclopaedia I should still be a good ways from Great Barrington. On the other hand I have had letters from three different persons from time to time asking to buy the place. I feel it a little ungracious on my part since it was a gift to me and I really am very fond of it. I am afraid, however, I just ought not to afford it. I should be glad of any advice. Can you tell me what was paid for the place? I forget.

I am also including a revised copy of my will which should replace the one in your possession.

I trust this will find you and Mrs. Spingarn in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur Spingarn
36 West 44th Street
New York City

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

June 7th, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,

Atlanta University,

Atlanta, Ga.

17-2-21

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

I have your letter of June 2nd. As far as I am concerned, I have no personal objection to your making any disposition you see fit of the Great Barrington place, but recalling what happened to Admiral George Dewey under similar circumstances, I hesitate to advise you. I think you should seek further advice and I can think of no one better to turn to under these circumstances than Mrs. Lillian Alexander, who was one of the prime movers in the matter.

Eight hundred dollars was paid for the land and the building, and in addition to the cost for search, etc., $2,105.24 was sent to you for restoration of the building.

As to the "Will" which you sent me, I do not know whether this is merely a memorandum of a formal Will which you have drawn, or whether this is meant to be a Will. As you have drawn it, it has no legal force whatsoever, as it does not follow the requirements of the laws of New York. I assume that you will come to New York before very long and I suggest that you make an appointment when you do come here, when we can discuss the matter of your Will in detail.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Aug. 1st, 1938.

17-2-22

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
210 West 150th St.
New York City.

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

The enclosed copy of letter dated July 28th, 1938 which I received from the Department of Taxation and Finance is self explanatory.

With cordial personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

Enclosure.

(COPY)

State of New York
Department of Taxation and Finance
Albany
Jul 28,1938

17-2-23

Mr. Arthur B. Spingarn,
36 West 44th Street,
New York City.

Re: Assessment #751203-1934.
Assessment #751204-1935.
Assessment #751205-1936.
issued to
W. E. Burghardt Du Bois.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of November 24th 1937 together with claims for refund as computed by W. E. B. Du Bois covering tax paid in connection with the above assessments.

You are advised that the cost of commuting between one's home and place of business represents a personal expense, therefore no revision can be made in the above assessments in reference to the items disallowed covering the cost of traveling between New York and Atlanta.

Referring to the item of $720.00 claimed on the 1934 return for room and board at Atlanta University, you are advised that when maintenance is furnished to an employee, the value thereof constitutes income subject to tax. In the taxpayer's case, his regular salary was to be $4145.82 from which the University deducted $720.00 as the value of his room, board and office. The net amount paid to him was therefore $3425.82. The effect would be the same if the University informed him his cash salary was to be $3425.82 and the value of the maintenance to him $720.00 the amount which would be subject to tax in that case would be $4145.82.

The loss of $500.00 sustained by the taxpayer in connection with notes given by him to John E. Nail, does not represent a loss permitted under the provisions of Section 360 of the New York State Income Tax Law.

Mr. Arthur B. Spingarn. #2

12-2-24

Claims for refund made by taxpayer in connection with the years 1934, 1935 and 1936 are respectfully denied.

Very truly yours,
THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

By (Signed) Roy H. Palmer

Roy H. Palmer
Assistant Director
Income Tax Bureau.

AJR:MF

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December 2,1938.

17-2-25

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear DuBois,

Some years ago you sent me a list of the remaining pamphlets in your Bishop Arnett collection. There are quite a number of them of which I do not have copies and I realize that you would not care to part with them. But on going over the list I find that you have a number of duplicates,viz:

SATIRE in vols 14 and 39 and 8
ADDRESS by W.S.Scarborough,1884 in vols 6 and 8
NARRATIVE OF LIFE OF GEORGE H.PETRS in vols 4 and 10
NEGROES ORIGIN by B.T.Tanner in vols 16 and 17
REFLECTIONS ON LIFE OF TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE by Straker in vols 8 and 32
SCIENTA-VERITA-LUX in vols 7 and 14

I am wondering if you would be willing to part with these duplicates. Perhaps, I could send you some books you do not have in exchange.

With cordial greetings,I am, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

Arthur B. Spingarn.

Spingarn

J E SPINGARN
110 EAST 78TH STREET
NEW YORK

January 12, 1938

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Professor Rayford W. Logan, Secretary,
Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois Testimonial Committee,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Logan:

Mrs. Spingarn and I are delighted to become sponsors of the coming testimonial on Dr. Du Bois's seventieth birthday, and I enclose my check for $25.00 as our joint contribution.

17-8-113

If it is possible I should certainly like to be present on that occasion, but I cannot as yet say definitely whether I can attend or not.

It seems to me that some of the leading white scholars and liberal thinkers of the country would like to share in an occasion of this sort.

With every good wish for the success of the celebration, and with warm regards to all my friends at Atlanta University, believe me

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Spingarn

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P.S.- Please note my correct address above.

J E SPINGARN
110 EAST 78TH STREET
NEW YORK

12-12-96

January 18, 1938

Professor Ira De A. Reid,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Reid:

I should very much like to speak at the dinner in honor of Dr. Du Bois's seventieth birthday on February 23rd, and if nothing unexpected happens, I shall certainly be there. I should like to pay a tribute to my friend on that occasion, as I did in February, 1918, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. I first met him in 1910, and despite differences of opinion, I do not think that our friendship has ever been impaired. How warm it had already become twenty years ago may be judged by my speech at that dinner and by his editorial "Spingarn" in the January 1918 issue of the Crisis.

Your own letter was delayed in reaching me by a wrong address. Please note the correct address above.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Spingarn

110 EAST SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET

New York, February 15, 1938

12-17-2

Dear Professor Logan:

My wife took some moving pictures of the second Amenia Conference, in which Dr. Du Bois figures largely. They are an amateur's work, but give a good idea of the play hours of the Conference. Have you a moving picture projector and would you care to have me bring the films along with me? Kindly reply by air mail or wire.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Spingarn

J. E. Spingarn

Professor Rayford Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

March 8, 1938

17-2-29

My dear Spingarn:

I want to thank you so much for coming down here and for the kind words which you said. After the celebration I took the family in the car and drove to Washington and then drove back to Atlanta. I am now at work again on my revision of my little book THE NEGRO which Holt and Company are going to publish. It was a very beautiful occasion that we had here and the young men, Reid and Logan, who engineered it did some fine unselfish work. It was good to see and hear you again.

My best regards to yourself and Mrs. Spingarn.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. E. Spingarn
110 East 78th Street
New York City

TROUTBECK
AMENIA
NEW YORK

August 11, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Du Bois:

17-2-30

Dr. Clement has invited me to be a guest professor in literature for the academic year 1938-39. I am very sorry that it is impossible for me to accept the invitation, but it might be possible for me to spend two or three weeks at Atlanta next winter, and give the sort of "travelling seminar" I gave at the Universities of North and South Carolina in 1916.

One problem disturbs me and I should like your advice. Since my illness a dozen years ago I have acquired special habits of privacy, service, and the like that make me refuse to visit friends at a distance unless I can stay at a hotel. Of course I have broken this rule under the stress of necessity, but I am never at my best for lecturing or anything else.

If I went to Atlanta I should want to enter completely into the social and intellectual life of the University during my stay. Would my staying at a city hotel interfere with this in any way? I do not mean external or physical difficulties, but would there be any barrier of suspicion, resentment, misunderstanding that would cast a shadow of any kind over my visit? If so, I am afraid I should prefer not to go at all.

Always cordially,

J. E. Spingarn

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5412 KINGSESSING AVENUE
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% 1204 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, Md.
December 31, 1938

Request for photo

Dear Dr. DuBois:

17-3-28

It givesme much pleasure to write you this sincere and personal letter and convey my high admiration for your achievements - they are important to posterity.

I will be very happy and grateful if you will send me your picture autographed from you to me to frame upon my desk.

Sent 1/5/39

I wish you in 1939 every possible success, health and happiness for your kindness.

What do you think of Dr. Johnson, Roland Hayes and Countee Cullin?

With best wishes, believe me, I wait for your personal reply, and remain

Sincerely yours,
BY MR. ROBLEY DURHAM STEVENS

RDS:IEAH

Robley Durham Stevens

"The Pen is mightier than the sword, mightier we hope, to destroy the sword, whereas the Pen was invented for construction, and the sword made for destruction". - PROVERB

Martha Graves

CLARA G. STILLMAN
46 WASHINGTON SQUARE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 31/38

17-13-40.

Dear Dr. DuBois

Thank you for your very kind letter of sympathy, which I have been slow in answering as I have found it hard to write about Martha. Her death was a sudden and terrible shock to her sisters. Only a week before she appeared to be in perfect health, and her work is unfinished. I value your note especially since I know what a real affection and admiration she had for you.

Sincerely Yours,
Clara G. Stillman

Birthday GREETINGS

[Mr. & Mrs. John L. Stockton]

With
Best Wishes
for
Many
Happy Returns
of the Day!

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Stockton.
48 Edgecombe Avenue
New York City

[STREATOR, GEORGE]

New York City
March 6, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I sent a note, of course, by Mrs. DuBois about an article for the magazine, THE AFRICAN.

On the basis of the conversation about Xmas time, we agreed on something on Social medicine. I hope that you hold to that, and send me the article on medicine. I am fully aware of the letter campaign against you on the Pittsburg COURIER. I have received a few letters from friends in Ohio who thought that you were making an attack on Negro doctors! (How mildly they put it frm the point of view of necessity and efficiency as I have experienced their stupidity.

The campaign against you, however, was part Mr. Wilkins, part the local Communists who have lost their minds over the Japanese situation (with Russia); all engineered, smme say, through the lady organizer of the NAACP who is also a part of the COURIER. (I forget her name). However, this is not a part of my story.

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My story is, that you have always pointed out necessity of agreement between American Negroes and the West Indies. These are favorable days to strike a blow in that direction. I am not asking you to lead a parade. There is no parade. There is no great mass upheaval. The masses are about where they were. But, there are many young West Indies people who see the light, too.

The AFRICAN is a weak beginning with reaching and stretching towards these people. I have made history by getting their confidences. (I have always admired their activity). Their magazine is poor stuff, but it can be molded. It might fold up completely, but what has not folded up sooner or later?

I was interested in the faces grouped around you. Although I admire the great tribute paid you, I can only add to my list of experiences the simple truth: Stop getting worked up over other peoples' personal quarrels. Understand me perfectly: there was a time when most of those people loudly denounced you. I was loyal to the extent that I would not traffic with Mr. Spingarn, even. But it did not take a generation, merely five years to learn that politics are still politics. The winner always wins! That is about all that can be said.

But I am still working in the line I took after leaving the NAACP, or, THE CRISIS. I am certain that Mr. White is a high-type moron, and the whole pack little plotters. But there are no dividends in my line. This is an age of movements. No good movement wants a man they can not control. I have my own mind, read my own books, and make deductions not at all cock-eyed. But I say, there are no dividends.

However, I am not a candidate for a job at Atlanta University, Fisk, or any of the rest. Their faculties talk largely of things they have read and not experienced. But I am busy at university work. I have a handful of talents. Either I get that long awaited break, or I do not. By experience, I even know what doctors to avoid! Yet, I make a revolution at Fisk, and cannot eat of it. I fight in the NAACP for progress. I have pioneered in the labor movement. But it does not take conceit to prove that I am thirty years ahead of my time, too.

But that article: do not let me down.

Sincerely,

George Streator

March 9, 1938

My dear Streator:

Enclosed is a copy of my autobiographical speech and also a short article for The African.

Thank you for your interest and letters.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George Streator
2588 Seventh Avenue
New York City

April 21 [illegible] [GEORGE STREATOR]

Dear Mr. Barnes -

Sorry that white people are fool white people. But don't let the F.R.B. failure to be decent "get you down".

17-13-31

Also sorry to read that President Roosevelt does not know that the Jewish element has always been with us. What has happened in Europe - except a change in tempo, that has not marked the South for years past.

But; President Roosevelt wants to see Archer, oh well, let him see them.

Sincerely,

George Streator.

May 17, 1938

My dear Streator:

Do you know anything about the change in direction of the "African"? I have been asked to be one of two honorary editors along with James Weldon Johnson. There is apparently no responsibility and I am disposed to allow my name to be used for a season unless you think of some special objection.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George Streator
2588 Seventh Avenue
New York City

September 17, 1938

17-T3-33

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Streator:

We arrived in Atlanta Friday afternoon at four after a very pleasant and leisurely trip with good weather. Our goods have all arrived and are in good order and mostly installed. Thank you very much for the kind offices. We stopped with Yolande in Baltimore, ith Gandy in Petersburg, Shepard in Durham and at a boarding house in Spartanburg. Let us hear from you at your leisure.

With best regards from all,

Mr. and Mrs. George Streator
2816 Eighth Avenue
Apartment 2-DA
New York City

September 28, 1938

My dear Mr. Streator:

Enclosed is a manuscript which I am submitting to the Atlantic Monthly. When it returns as I am fairly sure it will I am going to try Harpers and then finally the New Republic.

This is the result of a line of thinking which came to head this summer and which was caused by the growth of conviction on my part as to our future purposive action. For a long time I have assumed that colored leaders were in essential agreement and therefore all we had to do was select a group of them in order to start purposive action. The conference in Amenia and correspondence which I have had later was based on this thesis.

I have come to the conclusion that differences of opinion within our group and hesitancy make this procedure valueless and what we have got to do is first to agree upon a basic philosophy suitable to our time and then to proceed by conference and periodic publication to push this point of view. Enclosed is my basic philosophy today upon which I should be glad to welcome your criticism and eventually the criticism of others until we come to substantial agreement.

Next I propose the formation of a group to push this program; a group of people who simply agree with it and will help it by contributions, work, speaking and writing. Next I propose a conference which would best be held in New York during the World's Fair. A comparatively small conference of men in substantial agreement before hand whose practical work it would be to organize a periodical to begin publication in the fall of 1939 or certainly early in 1940.

Before that the question of plans and costs together with size and frequency of publication would have to be taken up. Think all this over and let me hear from you.

Best regards to yourself and wife. We are getting along very well.

Very sincerely yours,

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ATLA

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[6. Gittenot Swift] Attorney. General's
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St. Georges.
Grenada. B.W.I.
22nd October 1938.

Dr. Dr. Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia.

17-16-71

Dear Sir,

Your name has been mentioned to me with a view to obtaining some information respecting your Lecture Courses between June + October 1939.

I expect to spend a few months holiday in U.S.A.

and shall like to take advantage of some of your short lecture Courses during those months.

As a West Indian, I shall be very interested in life conditions as they exist in the Southern States and it is for this reason primarily, I intend to attend the Lectures - If you can give me the information desired or any reference, I shall be very grateful to you. I shall also like to know if I may be allowed to board and lodge at the University - I hope I am not asking too much of you & beg to offer you my thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully

E. Quitemore Phillips

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Yours faithfully

E. Gittens

November 25, 1938

12-15-12

My dear Sir:

I regret the delay in answering your letter but your signature is almost indecipherable and I am not sure whether this letter will reach you.

I teach only the two main semesters of the school year and only occasionally during the summer school. At present I have no expectation of being here between July and October. However, I think there may be other courses you may be interested in and I am sending you the report of the summer school of last year. You can secure one of this year as soon as it is issued which will not be probably before May.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. C. Gittenot Swift
Attorney General's Chambers
St. Georges
Grenada, British West Indies

[c Dec. 1938] - 17

17-27

Sincere greetings and good wishes for
Christmas and the New Year

C. J. Tagashira

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THE JAPAN METHODIST CHURCH,
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908 - 17th Avenue North,
Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 7th 1938

Dear Friend Dr. DuBois:

I have waited to make sure you were back in Atlanta before writing because I did not know your New York address. You will recall that Fisk proposed to retire me on $50.00 per month; one of our Trustees stating that Fisk would be called upon to pay the larger portion of that sum. I have my case in the hands of my Attorney; and a careful investigation has brought to light that the Carnegie Foundation, on its part, has me listed to receive (because of my agreement with Fisk) the sum of $62.00 per month beginning November 1st. Other interesting phases have come to light and except as the University recants and is willing to keep its promise, suit will be entered this month to force it to keep its agreement to retire me on half pay. I want to heartily thank you again for your kind interest shown in me. Friends are worth more than money. With grateful heart, I am

Your friend
T. W. Talley.

12-14-21

October 25, 1938

17-14-22

My dear Talley:

I have your letter of October seventh and this morning I am writing President Jones. Of course it would be better if possible to keep the case out of the courts. Courts cost a lot of money and give very little satisfaction. I am hoping that something satisfactory will be done.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. T. W. Talley
908 Seventeenth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

908 17th. Avenue North,
Nashville Tenn.,
Nov. 7th. 1938.

Dear Friend Dr. DuBois:

I am in receipt of the copies of letters sent. "Kind hearts are more than coronets" and yours is one of these. I thank you. May God reward you.

The statements in Dr. Jones' letter to you almost amaze me. I never heard of Dr. McKenzie's writing any statement which might justify any allegation to the effect: "In 1924 he wrote again to the Faculty stating that he regretted it had been impossible to secure funds needed, but that he hoped that Faculty members receiving not more than $1200 could be retired on half salary and those receiving less than that Figure might be retired, upon reaching 65, at about $600 a year". If this statement was ever written by Dr. McKenzie it surely had nothing to do with the agreement which Fisk University made with me; because in 1920 when I was placed on the Annuity I was being paid $2000.00 per year (as my letter of appointment of that date, in my hand, will show) and I was receiving considerably more than that in the year 1924. Further, if Dr. Jones ever wrote a letter about such an arrangement as that of which he writes in his letter, I neither received nor heard of it. Surely no one could think me so bereft of reason that I would go ahead paying at the rate of five per cent on salaries of $2500.00 and at the same time know that I would recieve as an Annuity the same amount as that to be given to those receiving $1200.00 as a salary upon which they were to pay premium.

17-3-74

With regard to the statement:

"Due to the fact that Professor Talley's and the University's savings for this purpose have accumulated over a longer period, he is receiving considerably above that obtained by any other retired Faculty member":

I add that, to date, I have not received one cent on retirement allowance; and when I look at Dr. Jones' letter to me proposing to retire me on $50.00 per month while the Policy with the Carnegie Annuity Association proposes to give, beginning with November 1st. (now past) a retirement pension of $62.49 per month, I am not sure that I will ever receive one cent for retirement if he can in any way prevent it.

No one could at heart appreciate what you have done more than

Your old friend

T. W. Talley

P.S. I thought I had better send you copies of the Jones Letter, the Carnegie Annuity Letter + Mr. Cravath's letter. In speaking of the $50.00 retirement you will note Mr. Cravath claims: "That is more than would be yielded under the Carnegie Annuity Plan. The rest will be made up by Fisk University." While Jones also makes the same claim. The copy of the Carnegie letter speaks for itself.

FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 11th 1938

Professor Thomas W Talley
Fisk University

My dear Professor Talley:

In accord with our recent conversation, I wish hereby to call your attention to the fact that the rules of Fisk University call for involuntary retirement of teachers at the age of 67. According to our records, you will come under this regulation at the close of the academic year, June 30th, 1938.

As you are included in the Carnegie Teachers Annuity plan, you will be eligible for a pension of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per month, which represents the payment on your savings and by the University to the Retirement Fund built up under the auspices of the Annuity System, and in addition the amount needed to raise this to $50.00 per month.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E Jones
President

TEJ w

15 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

April 21, 1938.

Dear Professor Talley:

When I was in Nashville, I talked with President Jones about your case, and I was on the point of writing you when your letter of April 19 came. I am sorry to say that, in its present financial condition, Fisk University is not in a position to pay retiring professors of your class a pension of more than $50 a month, and that is more than would be yielded under the Carnegie Teachers Annuity Plan. The rest will be made up by Fisk University. We realize that this pension is entirely inadequate, but I do not see how Fisk University can make an exception in your case, as several other teachers who have retired, or are to retire in the near future, are in the same predicament. If a larger payment were made to you, it would have to be made to all.

If Fisk University should become sufficiently prosperous, I should favor increasing the pensions of all retiring teachers. I, of course, can make no promise in that regard binding on the University. I simply express my personal view, and it is impossible to

prophesy whether and when the University will be strong enough financially to increase its pensions.

I am sorry, my dear Professor Talley, that I cannot give you a more encouraging answer to your letter, but I should point out that your predicament is the same as that of many teachers in Fisk University and other institutions who are compelled to retire on reaching the age limit; indeed, most of them receive no pension at all. For instance, my brother-in-law, Professor Miller, will be compelled to retire from his professorship at Bryn Mawr within a year or two upon reaching the age of 67, and will receive no pension.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul D. Cravath

Professor T. W. Talley,
908 17th. Avenue, North,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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September 8, 1938

Dear Mr. Looby:

We have your letter of September 1 with reference to annuity contract No. 4570 under which Professor T. T. Talley is the annuitant.

This contract originally provided that the first annuity payment would be made November 1, 1938. In reply to our usual letter with reference to settlement of this contract Professor Talley wrote to us under date of September 24, 1935 stating "--our President, Dr. Thomas F. Jones, has kindly assured me that his college policy now is to retire Professors at the age of sixty-seven. I am already under contract therefore for the present school year and have promise of two years additional if my health continues to the degree that I can constantly give the full days work. There is accordingly no need that I take up the matter of retirement and Annuity with you at this time". In accordance with our regular procedure and on the authority of this letter, we extended the date for the beginning of annuity payments from November 1, 1935 to November 1, 1940 when Professor Talley will have reached the age of 70 years; in the meantime he has the right to request the commencement of payments at any time prior to that date.

If no further premium is paid on this contract Professor Talley could receive a monthly life annuity of $63.49 commencing November 1, 1938 under the regular form of settlement.

In order for Professor Talley to receive a monthly life annuity of $69.31 commencing November 1, 1938 under regular settlement, it will be necessary for him to pay a single premium of $582.72 on November 1, 1938 after reinstating his contract by the payment of $63.07 making a total amount of $645.79 due November 1, 1938.

If no further premiums are paid under this contract Professor Talley could begin to receive a monthly life annuity of $73.36 under regular settlement, first payment November 1, 1940.

If there is any other information which you desire please do not hesitate to communicate with us again.

Sincerely yours

H. V. Lyons

Settlement Department

Z. Alexander Looby, Esq.
419 Fourth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

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CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

T.W. Talley to W.E.B. DuBois; 10/7/38, 10/25/38, 11/7/38.

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

W.E.B. DuBois to Dr. E. R. Alexander; 11/30/38.

W.E.B. DuBois to Fisk University; c/o President Thomas Elsa Jones; 10/25/38, 11/11/38; 11/25/38.

W.E.B. DuBois to M.V. Boutte; 11/25/38, 11/30/38.

June 13, 1938

17-7-24

My dear Mr. Taylor:

May I tell you how much I appreciated the hospitality of you and Mrs. Taylor. My stay at Fisk was very pleasant and the journey home very delightful.

Very sincerely yours,

Dean A. A. Taylor
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Taylor

ALVA W. TAYLOR
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE MID-SOUTH
101 BOWLING AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 16th,1938

Mr.Rayford W.Logan
Atlanta Univ.
Atlanta..... Ga.

Dear Mr.Logan.

I am very sorry to be unable to contribute to the celebration in honor of Dr.DuBois, for I hold him in high esteem, but my chair at Vanderbilt was abolished because of my friendship for colored folk and labor and as a consequence my income is on a very hazardous basis. Perhaps my use of his books and the Crisis in classes on interracial problems will atone for this inability. He is a great man, a great writer and all advocates of justice owe him a debt of honor.

Sincerely
Alva W. Taylor
Alva W.Taylor

17-17-15

R. R. TAYLOR
313 McRAE STREET
WILMINGTON, N C.

March 10, 1938

17-13-17

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dubois:

My good friend, Mr. George R. Arthur of Chicago, who has just visited us for a few days was kind enough to let me read your speech delivered at the Convocation at Atlanta University, February 23, on the occasion of your seventieth birthday.

It was so interesting and informing that I should like a copy for another reading and for my permanent files.

If it is to be printed or distributed in any way, may I ask to have a copy sent to me.

With all good wishes and congratulations on the occasion, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Taylor.

RRT:h

R. R. Taylor

April 29, 1938

17-13-12 -1

My dear Sir:

I regret to say that the speech which I delivered on the occasion of my birthday was limited to the subscribers for the occasion. There are none left for general distribution. I appreciate your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. R. R. Taylor
313 McRae Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

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pleasure

Charlotte

C. Templeton

17-8-81

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17-8-80

Dr. Rayford Logan,
Chairman of the Dubois Dinner Committee,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My Dear Dr. Logan:

I wish to thank you for invitation to attend the dinner given in honor of the 70th birth day of Dr. Dubois. I am sorry that my absence from the city will make it impractical for me to be present. I shall be glad to contribute toward the "bust" fund. I feel that the subject of this communication has well earned the recognition and honor which you plan tendering him of this auspicious occasion.

Yours truly,

Jesse O. Thomas.

JOT:T.

14. W. Garfield
Chicago Ill
Feb. 7, 1938

Request for information

17-16-95

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Dear Sir:

I am a Chicago Public School teacher with a B. S. degree from the Lewis Institute of Chicago; I have done graduate work at the University of Chicago in mathematics and physics. It is now time for me to take a year's leave for study or travel and I would like to go to the University of Berlin. A few years ago I asked a White German instructor about the problems a colored student would encounter in Germany and was told there were none. Please give me your advice about going to Germany to study. I understand Germany is the only country which has reciprocity with the United States. Please tell me if Switzerland has reciprocity with the United States. You will be in Chicago Feb. 14th at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I would like to talk to you for about ten minutes then. If I can not see you then please answer as I am preparing to go

to Europe for a year's study.

Yours truly

Susie L. Thomas.

17-16-96

February 10, 1938

17-16-97

My dear Madam:

I regret to say I have very little time in Chicago and I am leaving directly after the lecture so that I am sure that I will not have a chance to confer with you on this visit. There is no racial reason why you should not go to Germany if you wish but you will find the food bad and the restriction with regard to the changing of money very onerous. I should think that Switzerland, or France would suit you better.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Susie D. Thomas
14 West Garfield
Chicago, Illinois

January 4, 1938

automobile

My dear Mr. Thomas:

Will you please get me license plates for my car? It weighs 3,750 pounds. Enclosed is my check for $4.50.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Mr. W. D. Thomas
833 Hunter Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

March 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Thomas:

What can you get me two tires for: Number 17.00[illegible] first quality six ply Goodrich Silvertown with white walls and inner tubes of corresponding quality.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

17-14

Mr. W. D. Thomas
822 Hunter Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

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BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 14,1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,Ga.

12-13-34

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am just in receipt of your letter of December 12 relative to the list of subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro could treat. As soon as I receive this list I shall be very happy to send you any suggestions that may occur to me relative to the addition or omission of any subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Thompson

Chas. H. Thompson
Editor

17-18-32

March 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Tillman:

Can you have lunch with Dr. Miyake and myself at the Atlanta University Dormitories Tuesday at one p. m.?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathaniel P. Tillman
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Tobias

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January 26, 1938

12-12-21

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother Logan:

Your communication concerning the observance of the 70th birthday of Dr. DuBois meets with my enthusiastic approval. There is no man of our race living to-day to whom Negroes are more indebted than to Dr. DuBois.

I have been personally grieved over the criticisms that have been directed against him by some of our younger leadership. Regardless of how seriously they may differ from him concerning present day problems, they should never forget that for a quarter of a century he was the voice crying in the wilderness for recognition of the fundamental rights of Negroes as men and citizens. Long after many of his critics have been forgotten, his name will loom larger and larger as not only a fearless advocate of the rights of suppressed peoples but a literary figure of no mean reputation.

I am enclosing my check for the amount requested and shall be pleased to cooperate in any other way the Committee may suggest. I regret that the date comes at a time when it will be impossible for me to leave New York since I have commitments of long standing that cannot be postponed.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. H. Tobias

CHT:EMA

C. H. Tobias.

Virginia State College
Ettrick, Virginia
February 8, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentleman:

Will you please send me any information, data or anything evidence on the subject of "Negro and Crime." The thing that I am trying to find out is: "Is the Negro more Criminal than white?" I should like to have evidences of recent collections as well as of later if possible.

If it is possible I wish you to send also a list of addresses of Negro communities that have all Negro administrators and officials if such communities exist; if not communities then if there are towns, villages or even cities include those addresses too, please.

Yours truly
(Miss) Glensie N. Toler.

17-16-92

February 10, 1938

My dear Miss Toler:

The best note on Negro crime to guide you is published in the Annals of the American Academy of Political Science, a chapter n the American Negro, November, 1928, p. 52.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Clensie H. Toler
Virginia State College
Ettrick, Virginia

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At
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February 11, 1938

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
The DuBois Birthday Committee
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-8-63

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my check of $5.00 as my contribution to the DuBois Birthday Fund with the further expression of hope that the occasion on February 23 will be satisfying in every respect.

I regret that my absence from Alabama at that time will prevent my sharing the occasion.

Yours very truly,

H. Councill Trenholm

H. Councill Trenholm

HCT:S

Encl.

[TRENT]

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N. C.

February 22,1938

Prof.Rayford W.Logan,
Temporary Secretary
of the DuBois Birthday Fund,
Atlanta,Ga.

17-12-32

Dear Mr.Logan:-

Please find enclosed check for$5.00 to be added to the DuBois Birthday Fund. Sorry I am late,but I hope not too late. Dr.DuBois has been my ideal leader for many years,and he stands before me today higher than ever before. May he have many more years to continue the fight for justice and peace.

Yours very truly,

W.J.Trent,President.

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Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois

of Atlanta University in a

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241 EAST 6TH SOUTH

Monday, June 13th, 1938 - 8:30 p. m.

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[TROTMAN]

May 16-1935

Dear Mrs. Mathews

Your letter received a few days ago and I am having to reply because I do not know what your plans are and how long you will be in N.Y.

I am sure you found in Nashville just what you said you found and I told you before you went you must just pray for unity and harmony, that is because they do not know what was just over on them. I also told you it was very deftly done. I have been very careful not to say anything to any body down there, not even my first friends, the Trotmans, fearing I might hurt the Cause, so it is perfectly natural that you must just do up hill any time.

Dear Mrs. Mathews, there is no doubt in any mind about the genuineness of the Bahái message but the way it is carried out also him is an entirely different matter. You speak with such finality about loving dear friends. I am sure that Dr. Bis Bris. Mrs. Bi?? and I have no such feeling simply because we do not see eye to eye in this matter. I am confidently looking forward to the time when they will realize this mistake and rectify it. It may take time but it will come because they are not following the laws as Abdul Baha laid out + practices it.

I am very sorry indeed to hear you speak of Mrs Beckwith as you do - she was guilty simply of

telling the truth as it happens? It seems to me those who made the mistake are true responsible. I'm sure a drive to the Guardian are the ones who should bear the responsibility and not one lone woman who was trying to the best of her ability to live up to the Bahai principals.

√ I am sure you found the people in Marseille content and in harmony, I told you before you went you would find this condition, simply because they do not know what happens at the Marseille convention. All of us who have been there have refrained from saying a word to them about the real condition and the article written by the Guardian. I have not even spoken of the medium to my dearest friends, - there, the natives fearing I might hurt the Cause.
As I said to you before it was very deeply manoeuvred.

I am still deeply interested in the Bahai Teachings and consider the Faith the most beautiful and comprehensive I have ever known but I can not bring myself to be affiliated with the present conditions where the Guardians views not in an open letter and advise segregation for any reason whatever at the present time we are passing through.
I shall be glad to hear your plans while in N. Y. With very best wishes for you + Mr. Mathews health and happiness I am Sincerely yours

Wm. B. Tolman

[Enclosure from M. B. Trotman]

17-12-81

25 north Ohio Ave.,
Atlantic City, N.J.
Jan. 12, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Trotman:

I was in New York on the first of December for a few days and called you while I was there, but you were not at home. I would have called you more often, but the trip up was too hard for me and I spent the entire time there in bed. I called you the day we left. I had made arrangements to have the baby in Dr. Alexander's sanitorium in Philadelphia, but local doctors have twice had to put me to bed, so it became evident I would not be able to stand the trip there when the time came. Therefore my plans have of necessity been changed and I an having the baby at home.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of the letter I sent Mary Maxwell. As yet I have heard nothing from her. Do you think this letter was clear enough?

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas wish. I do hope your holiday was all you could ask for. We spent ours quietly but pleasantly.

Please remember us to the entire family.(Give the Little One a kiss.)

As ever,

Sara

[Endosure from M. B Trotman ?]

17-12-80

Dear Mrs. Trotman;

I went to Nashville as I told you I should. There you will find no one to uphold your view. They are all fright--fully down on Mrs. Bectold, whom they feel made all the trouble and not any one else. They are in perfect harmony and have just elected a board of five Colored and four White people to serve during the coming year, so you see I cannot find one item to corroberate this sad, most sad story.

It is sadder still to think that after years of warm friend--ship with you, with Dr. Du Bois and his wife, with Mrs Bibb that some one, a stranger should come into my life and sweep away dear, precious friends. Not that my feelings are changed but I wanted you all to perceive the grandure of the Baha'i Message, I wanted you to feel that a world program had been inaugurated by a Divine Message, one that would bring us all into highest fulfillment. The people who compose our Cause, do not concern me, I look to Andul Baha's guidance for work for results, I am sure that these results will appear amongst mankind. The quality is never manifested in the early days of a movement, but if the principle is glowing with life, a finer and finer type will come towards it. I do not expect to live to see the great and holy, joining our ranks, but little by little they will come. I hoped to have a few people of whom I am very, very fond with me and this will continue always to sadden my life, that you turned away, because of the defects of the human beings. I shall pray likewise to forgive the stranger who has taken out of my life those I love,

Louise Mathews

1088 Park Ave. May 12th 1938

Oakwood
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College

Huntsville • Alabama

Office of The Manager

March 22, 1938

70th Birthday

48-8-71

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Thank you for the splendid contribution to our library in the text of "A Pageant In Seven Decades".

There are teachers in our College who have viewed the copy and desire to own one.

Would you please send us five copies of this work. We should be happy to pay for the cost of these copies.

Sincerely yours,

OAKWOOD JR. COLLEGE

O. A. Troy

O. A. Troy, Manager
cb

New Administration Building Campaign, Feb. 1 to May 22, 1938 -- Send Your Contribution Now!

March 28, 1938

17-8-85

My dear Sir:

I regret to say that there was only a limited edition of my "Pageant in Seven Decades" and we have none now for distribution.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. O. A. Troy
Oakwood Junior College
Huntsville, Alabama

17-8-85

17-17-82

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HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

February 4, 1938

Dr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan,

I have your letter and communications concerning a testimonial to be tendered Dr. DuBois in commemoration of his seventieth birthday. I am very glad to participate with you on this noteworthy occasion.

I have followed Dr. DuBois's career almost from the beginning of his active work and have been deeply stimulated by his point of view and vigorous approach to a solution of problems confronting the Negro. His services to the group will be more and more appreciated as the years go by.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Turner

Thomas W. Turner,
Head, Dep't Biology

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January 11, 1938

Lectures, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

You have been recommended to us by Mr. John P. Whittaker as being interested in and qualified to speak on certain problems in the field of public affairs.

In order to facilitate our service to organizations seeking speakers and in order not to trouble you by requests that do not have a genuine interest for you, we would be sincerely grateful for your kindness in filling out and returning the enclosed questionnaire.

The Twentieth Century Fund is undertaking this service in line with its policy of developing a greater public interest in these important questions.

With appreciation of your interest,

Cordially yours,

Margaret R. Taylor

Margaret R. Taylor
Public Affairs Assistant

MRT:RC

[c. Jan. 11, 1938]

Twentieth Century Fund - Speakers Service

17-1-85

For paid engagements, what range of honoraria would you desire? $50-$100

Within what general area would you take engagements? Middlewest in February

In the East in Summer, Southwest in winter. I usually make a lecture trip in February each year. This year I lecture in Detroit, Chicago, Wheeling, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis

The Economic Foundation of Political and General Culture
Consumers Cooperation
Race Problems, Africa
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[UNDERWOOD]

E. MARVIN UNDERWOOD
DISTRICT JUDGE

United States Courts
Northern District of Georgia
Judge's Chambers

Atlanta, Ga.

Feb. 19, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta, Ga.

17-17-22

Dear Dr. Logan:

I appreciate very much the kind invitation to attend the celebration of Dr. Du Bois' seventieth birthday, but regret that I will be unable to attend.

May I take this occasion to express my high regard for Dr. Du Bois and my admiration of his notable achievements in so many fields of endeavor. His contributions, especially to literature, Education and Sociology, have gained for him a place of prominence and influence which will long endure.

Please extend to him for me my cordial good wishes and my hope that he may be spared for many more years of useful service.

Yours truly,

E. Marvin Underwood.

[U.S. Board of Examiners]

March 30, 1938

Sir:

17-3-42

Miss Katherine Bell of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama is taking the examination in Senior High School French April 19. I wish to attest to her character and abilities. I have known her and her parents since she was a child and have followed her education and work as a teacher. I am glad to attest to her fine character and excellent abilities. I think the schools of Washington would be very fortunate to have her as a teacher.

Very sincerely yours,

Chief Examiner
Board of Examiners, Divisions 10-13
Franklin Administration Building
Washington, D. C.

[U. S. Civilian Conservation Corps]

4465th Company, SC F-6
CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
Newberry, South Carolina

November 18,1938

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-22

Dear Doctor Dubois;

I am interested in securing a large photograph of yourself to place in our camp library. Please direct me as to how I may secure a copy.

I thank you.

Yours Respectfully,
William M. Parker (C.E.)
William M. Parker
Camp Educational Adviser

[U.S Civilian Conservation Corps]

November 23, 1938

17-3-23

My dear Sir:

I am asking my photographer, Mr. Scurlock of Washington, to send you a photograph.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William M. Parker
4466th Company, SC F-6
Civilian Conservation Corps
Newberry, South Carolina

(U.S. - N.Y.A.)

No. 6 -- 304

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

For Immediate Release
Thursday, December 29, 1938.

ADMINISTRATOR AUBREY WILLIAMS ISSUES CALL FOR SECOND NYA CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS OF NEGRO YOUTH

Administrator Aubrey Williams of the National Youth Administration has issued a call for the second conference on problems of the Negro and Negro youth under the auspices of the National Youth Administration, to be held in Washington January 12-14, 1939.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the NYA, will officiate as director of the conference. Mrs. Bethune today issuod the following statement regarding the meeting:

"Two years ago under the auspices of the National Youth Administration a cross section of Negroes from every walk of life and representing various type of Negro organizations and thought was called together in Washington to study and think together on the status of Negroes in the United States with regard to their participation and integration into the program of the Federal Government and to formualte suggestions and resolutions from their own point of view as to what the Federal Government could do to guarantee more liberal action on the part of the government. These recommendations were presented to the chief Federal officer, the President of the United States, members of his cabinet and other Federal officials.

"A similar conference at Washington is being called for January 12,

13, 14, 1939 to evaluate the progress or lack of progress which we have made and to think together on the next steps to be taken.

"This conference is definitely non-partisan. The problems of the Negro and Negro youth, regardless of political or religious affiliation are the concern of this conference. Those of you who are on the outside looking in will be prayerful and thoughtful of us on the inside attempting to work out constructive plans for a more full participation of the Negro in the program of the American government."

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[U.S. - OFFICE OF ED.]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

15-31-97

Thinking people agree that the foundation of our democracy is the spirit of tolerance of the other man's viewpoint, regardless of his race or place of origin. People of many races and places have come to this country and contributed to its upbuilding.

In order to promote a keener appreciation of the interdependence existing among the various stocks with which our land has been peopled, this Office is planning a series of 26 one-half hour broadcasts, over a nation-wide hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System, under the title "Immigrants All."

To assist us in attaining the objectives of the series I am inviting a number of leaders like yourself to act as consultants. Those accepting this invitation will be called upon from time to time to offer suggestions for the guidance of those whose primary responsibility it will be to organize the content of the programs.

Mr. Gilbert Seldes, outstanding author and playwright, has been chosen to write the scripts for "Immigrants All." Mrs. Rachel Davis Dubois, Director of the Service Bureau for Inter-Cultural Education, has been selected as Consultant on Inter-Cultural Education, to coordinate the research cooperation which we expect from the various racial and national groups in this country. These two people, in collaboration with this Office are now at work on the formulation of definite plans for the series.

I can assure you that the acceptance of this invitation will not impose upon you an arduous burden. I sincerely hope you will find it possible to cooperate with us. Upon being advised of your acceptance we will send you a brief synopsis of the proposed series to which we would be very glad to have your reactions involving criticisms and constructive suggestions.

Cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker

Commissioner

November 4, 1938

15-31-98

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of November first I shall be glad to act as consultant in the planning of your series of broadcasts "Immigrants All". I am glad that you have the cooperation of Mrs. Rachel Davis Dubois. I think she is one of the best authorities in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable J. W. Studebaker
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1938.

15-31-99

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. DuBois:

It is with great deal of pleasure that I learn that you will act as Consultant in connection with our "Americans All--Immigrants All," radio series whenever necessary, with regard to the subjects upon which you may be able to cooperate with us.

I am advising our Research Director that you have consented to do this, so that he may get in touch with you whenever the occasion presents itself.

Your helpfulness is most assuredly appreciated.

I feel certain that those of us who contribute to this very significant educational effort will have ample reason to feel proud of our participation in it.

Cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1938.

Request to speak

17-3-13

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. DuBois:

Dr. Studebaker has informed me that you have kindly accepted his invitation to be a Consultant in connection with our "Americans All--Immigrants All" radio series.

I have advised Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois, who is coordinating the research of this series, regarding your acceptance and you will no doubt hear from her as need for consultation arises.

The enclosed leaflet describes these programs. Should you require any more copies to pass along to friends or interested groups or should you desire that copies be sent to people or associations suggested by you, the writer will be glad to have you communicate your instructions to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Philip Leonard Green
Research Director
Radio Division

PLG:MWH

[U.S. Presidents Office]

October 24, 1938

17-15-43

Gentlemen:

I wish to secure for use in a class in Social Conflict, ten copies of the report recently made to the President on incomes. Can you tell me where I can get them or will you send them to me with bill?

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Offices
White House
Washington, D. C.

[U.S.-PRESIDENT]

December 20, 1938

Sir:

17-9-21

I believe that the radio programs, "Americans All - Immigrants All" which are being promoted by the Commissioner of Education and presented under the auspices of the Columbia Broadcasting Company are of very great value and importance. Anything that today tends to reduce race prejudice and increase the rule of reason is of the highest value. I trust that this work under Dr. Studebaker will have your attention and interest in its continuance.

Very sincerely yours,

President F. D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

DU BOIS TO U.S. PRESIDENT (FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT), DECEMBER 20, 1938

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

DUBOIS TO RACHEL DAVIS DUBOIS, DEC 20, 1938 (GENERAL CORR.)

U. S. WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK
AMERICAN POSSESSIONS
1780 Broadway
ADDRESS
New York City
CITY-TOWN-VILLAGE

TELEPHONE: CO. 5-5447, Ext. 3

465-97-3-18
PROJECT NO.

July 7, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Professor of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

17-16-28

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

We are interested in compiling a Bibliography on the American Possessions and we are trying to unearth every possible source of information.

Needless to say, these areas have been greatly neglected and little is known of the American territories and outlying possessions. Because of this fact, we are asking you to send us a catalogued list of all the sources available on Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Samoa, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone and the Hawaiian Islands.

We will appreciate your cooperation and feel sure that we will be making a definite contribution to the great field of knowledge.

Thanking you for your sincere cooperation,

Very truly yours,

John A. Joyce

John A. Joyce

JAJ:FW

[OS- Works Progress Admin]

July 14, 1938

My dear Mr. Joyce:

Please permit me to say in answer to your letter of July seventh that Dr. Du Bois has left for the North on vacation.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. John A. Joyce
WPA
1780 Broadway
New York City

[U.S. Works Progress Admin.]

September 28, 1938

12-16-29

My dear Sir:

Your letter of July seven found me away on vacation and I presume this answer will be too late. The best authority for bibliography on American possessions would be Dr. Rayford W. Logan of the Department of History, Howard University, Washington, D. C. I would advise you to write him.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John A. Joyce
American Possessions
1780 Broadway
New York City

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
5700 Prairie Avenue

November 3, 1938

17-16-109

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dubois:

The University of Chicago is conducting a survey of the Negro in business. There have been a series of your articles in the Pittsburgh Courier, on the "History of the Cooperative Movement and the Negro." We wish to incorporate sections of them in a manuscript on the Negro Cooperatives.

The Pittsburgh Courier has referred us to you for copies since they have none. May we have them please?

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours,
Joseph Semper,
Research Assisant.

JS/lb

November 8, 1938

17-16-110

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November third, I regret to say that I have no copies of my articles in the "Pittsburgh Courier" except my personal file.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Joseph Semper
Works Progress Administration
5700 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

UNIVERSITY HOMES TENANTS ASSOCIATION
668 FAIR STREET, S. W.
ATLANTA, GA.

Dec. 6, 1938

The Negro sent 12/10/38

17-2-17

Prof. W.E.B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

We have been successful in securing adequate space in the Housing Project of Atlanta for a library. As all tenants are in the lower income group, we are finding it quite difficult to secure suitable and sufficient books to meet the demands of our readers.

It has been suggested that we write you in this regard, hoping that you might donate one or more books of your choice.

Any consideration given this letter shall be very deeply appreciated and we shall be very happy to have you visit our library located at 227 Roach St., S.W.

Very respectfully yours,

J.A. Batts
CHAIRMAN LIBRARY COMMITTEE

JAB/g

Request for recommendation

549 Conklin Place
Madison, Wisconsin
February 1, 1938

Air mail special

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-35

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Somewhere here in the "haystack" (meaning my room) is a letter addressed to you. All the semester I have been intending to write, but between trying to fulfill my class assignments to the best of my ability and keeping house (cooking and all) I have had just about as much as I could do. The semester has ended and already I have registered for the second. I haven't received my grades yet but as soon as I do I will let you know them no matter what they may be.

My courses for the first semester were:

Social Mobility - E. A. Ross
Social Psychology - Kimball Young
Poverty and Dependency - J. L. Gillin
Statistics - T. C. McCormick

For the second semester I have registered for the following:

History of Sociological Thought and Theory - H. Becker
Criminology - J. L. Gillin
Correctional Policies - J. L. Gillin
Personality Adjustment - Kimball Young

Statistics is not being offered the second semester. Dr. McCormick is to be engaged in a W.P.A. research project. The course which I had under him the first semester "Population Statistics" was both interesting and useful. I think such a study will prove quite beneficial in the near future.

As you already know, Wisconsin is a "Cooperative" state. The papers are filled with news of cooperatives. Many of these articles I have clipped only to add to the already mass of accumulation in the haystack. I am enclosing however a newspaper clipping and an article

written in the NATIONAL NEGRO DIGEST for January, 1938. I understand that the cooperative in Milwaukee is well organized. I plan visiting it as soon as the weather is better.

Last year it was the Rosenwald Fellowship and I called upon you for a recommendation. This year I am asking another recommendation from you but this time I am trying to get a university appointment here for the next year. I have already submitted my application blank, but I must be recommended by three persons who know something concerning my ability. I took the liberty to include your name among the three to furnish such a recommendation. I should appreciate it so much were you to write a letter of recommendation to:

17-3-36

Dr. John Lewis Gillin
Chairman, Department of Sociology
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Applications submitted before February 15, will get preferential status. My application is already on file awaiting the recommendations. I should greatly appreciate it were you to submit such a recommendation at your earliest possible convenience.

How is the Sociology Department at Atlanta this year? Do you have many promising students? Is statistics still the bug-a-boo? I think that students cry over statistics everywhere. I feel quite at home here in my statistics classes--the same song sung at Atlanta is sung here. One student from Vanderbilt has managed to console himself by saying that there is nothing to statistics and that it has been proved that there is no correlation between the ability to solve mathematical problems and work statistics. Incidentally this student says that he was not so very brilliant in math, yet he gets a great deal of consolation from quoting these findings.

The next letter will be much more interesting and will not be a request that you send a letter of recommendation for me. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Please tender my best regards to Miss Diggs, and to her too I am writing a letter soon.

Sincerely yours,

Bonita Harrison Valien

Best regards from Preston.

MILWAUKEE'S CONSUMERS CO-OP.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—*As surely and as gradual as the approachng dawn, the Consumer Co-operative plan is enveloping the Negro.*

Almost as rapidly as sparks mount upward from a fiery blaze new Co-Op units are being born in Negro Communities. One of the most modern and successful of these is the Milwaukee Store, which is soundly organized and carefully managed.

It was during a recent visit to this store that prompted the editors of the Digest to write the following article and feature a photographic view of its interior.

CO-OPERATIVES AND THE NEGRO'S NEEDS

By J. Neal Hughley

PERHAPS the Negro's greatest need today is for an effective racial strategy. Being a tremendously oppressed minority living in the midst of social and economic insecurity, the Negro is hard pushed. The black masses are despoiled and crushed at the bottom of the economic ladder. The small group of business and professional people who have managed to keep their heads slightly above the flood of poverty and desperation themselves live in fear. Moreover, the latter group has long been enslaved by a sort of middle class, bourgeois philosophy which has made them individualists incapable of thinking or acting sacrificially on behalf of the masses. Worse still the majority of the fairly successful have been so effectively conditioned by their white environment that their lives are usually spent in trying to become white or to live as their white brethren do. They not only resent being segregated or discriminated against; but they are almost ashamed of being black and forced to live exclusively with black people.

However, in spite of our struggle to overcome the barriers of segregation and discrimination, the world on the whole continues to maintain these barriers and frequently to erect new ones.

The first and foremost need of the black man is a larger measure of economic security and opportunity. Therefore, any peaceful, constructive movement on foot which aims at creating more jobs for colored people and which aims at producing greater economic resources for the masses is a movement which our people should thrill to see and promote.

The program of the Co-operatives offers to the black man just such an increase in jobs and wealth. One of the greatest thrills of my life came when a few weeks ago I met a former ministerial student of mine laboring as manager of a Co-operative grocery store in Wichita, Kansas. Not only in Wichita, but in Kansas City, Milwaukee, Chicago, Gary, New York City and other places the Co-operative technique is breaking out among Negroes. Our hope is that this type of program will be taken up by influential Negroes throughout the country and will become a part of our racial technique.

One great contribution which the co-operative will bring to the Negro is greater unity and morale. Our race is desperately in need of morale, as is true of other races and peoples. Our race problem here in America is that of discovering and utilizing ways and means of unifying the Negro, of giving him greater economic security, and of providing him with effective instruments for carrying on the battle for social justice.

We believe that the Co-operative movement will do this better than any other type of program in operation today. The great efforts of the N. A. A. C. P. are praiseworthy in the highest degree; but they are not concentrated on economic security. The N. A. A. C. P. is far more interested in legal justice. The Urban League is doing a commendable job; but it is mostly a fact-finding and research organization which does not attempt a wholesale organization of the masses. Our schools and colleges are too academic and bourgeois in character, with a viewpoint distorted by a purely educational approach to everything. Our churches for the most part, of course, have been simply asleep, innocent of what is going on in the world. The Co-operative, however, is a new thing with Negroes. It is not yet tradition-ridden. It does not openly make war on the business world in the way that the Labor movement does. It is wholly non-militaristic and non-political in character. If it were it would probably be doomed from the start as was the program of Marcus Garvey. It is peaceful and unifying while riveting its program about the fundamental economic needs of the Negro. Hail to the Co-operative! May it be the sign that a new day is dawning for the Negro. At least it is our belief that in the Co-operative the black man can find a powerful instrument to minister unto his racial and social needs.

Interior View of the Milwaukee Co-Op Store, 1800 N. 7th Street

PEOPLES' CO-OPERATIVE FOOD STORE

1800 North 7th Street

Phone: Locust 9867

HISTORY

Educational—One year spent in Co-operative Education efforts, extending to various churches, local clubs, and contacts with older co-operative establishments out of the city.

Financial—Two years spent accumulating money under the 3-cents a day plan of saving. Savings collected monthly. Shares $5.00 each.

Legal—Incorporated under Section 180 and 185 Wisconsin Statutes and chartered by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets.

THE STORE

Manager received brief training at Co-operative Trading Company, Waukegan, Illinois, and Consumers Co-operative Store, Gary, Indiana.

Store opened October 2, 1936.

Approximately 500 different food articles in stock. Business is done for cash. Loans are available through our Credit Union.

MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Association are controlled by the members through their board of directors which consists of nine members, one-third of whom are elected annually.

Co-operatives Saved Sweden In Depression

--*Hedberg*

Tells Lions Club Third of Population Are Members

Of Sweden's 6,000,000 population, close to one-third belong to the 700 consumers' co-operatives operating 4,500 merchandising outlets in that country, Anders Hedberg, Stockholm, famed international co-operator, told Madison Lions at a noon-day luncheon at the Loraine hotel.

Mr. Hedberg said the co-operative movement continued to make rapid gains in Sweden. He credited it with carrying the Swedes over the worst stages of the depression and saving that country from the economic and financial crises faced in recent years by other nations.

The co-operator was introduced by Pres. Clarence A. Dykstra. Mr. Hedberg will speak tonight at 8 at the Memorial Union. He presided at a round table discussion on co-operatives at the Unitarian parish house this afternoon.

Are Taxed Heavier

Swedish co-operatives, he pointed out, are taxed heavier than private industry. They enjoy no rebates of preference, although the government is not "hostile" toward them.

"In my country," he said, "the local consumers' co-operatives organize wholesale societies for the manufacture of overshoes, flour, light bulbs and other services and commodities.

"Prior to the establishment of an overshoe factory by the co-operatives, the price of these items were so high that the average Swede could not afford them. The co-operatives put the overshoes on the market at one half the price charged by the trusts, and made a nice profit on the venture."

Co-Ops Fight Monopoly

Mr. Hedberg said the major objective of the co-ops was to lead Sweden away from the encroachment of monopolistic price fixing agencies. He said the farmers' selling and manufacturing co-ops dominated the dairy and agriculture industries of his homeland.

"Collective bargaining by employes," said Hedberg, "has long been looked upon in Sweden as an accepted, established thing. This phase of industry has long ago been met and solved in Sweden."

Traces Co-Op Growth

He traced briefly the growth of the consumers' co-operatives in Sweden, telling how at first organizers were regarded as "dangerous socialists, communists and undesirables."

He said the co-operatives spent a good deal of time and much money educating the common people in the operations and functioning of the various co-ops. This is necessary, he maintained, so that all may understand the purpose of the movement.

He said Sweden, although operating with a king, enjoyed a greater degree of democracy than the United States.

February 3, 1938

17-3-37

My dear Mrs. Valien:

I was very glad to hear from you and to hear how you are getting on. I shall, of course, be glad to recommend you and have written to Dr. Gillin. I am glad you are lo king into cooperation in Wisconsin.

My best regards to you and Mr. Valien.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Bonita Harrison Valien
549 Conklin Place
Madison, Wisconsin

17-12-06

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UN MADISON WIS

DR W E B DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIV ATLA

WISHING FOR YOU MANY MORE PROFITABLE YEARS DURING THE NEXT THREE :

SCORE AND TEN

PRESTON AND BONITA VALIEN

A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS

THE Pittsburgh Courier
AMERICA'S BEST WEEKLY

CENTRE AVENUE AT FRANCIS STREET
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
MAYFLOWER 1401-2-3

12-17-91

January 13, 1938

Professor Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find our check for five ($5.00) dollars, made payable to the DuBois Testimonial Fund. We are glad to participate in this cause.

Yours very truly,

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER PUB. CO.

Robert L. Vann
Treasurer

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[M. DURACINE VAVAL]

Port au Prince, le 11 Septembre 1938

Dr H. du Bois the Crevis
New York

Monsieur

J'ai vu avec regret que mon roman Tonnerre a beaucoup d'irrégularités dans la Poste aux lettres d'ici, je ne suis pas sûr que ma lettre vous soit parvenue. Il s'agit de ma reconnaissance sur l'éditeur pour mon roman: Les Idées du Professeur Faubert. Le noble écrivain Haïtien Jules Fouchard, qui vient de mourir m'avait promis de la Maison Bon, 18 East 48th Street, qui s'était proposé d'en faire une souscription. Il n'y a pas eu d'écho entre cette Maison et moi. Je trouve que les éditeurs sont forcés à New York. Le Dr Alexis Carrel pour son ouvrage: L'Homme, cet Inconnu, n'a pu trouver un seul éditeur. Il n'est que pour un heureux hasard que l'ouvrage a pu voir le jour, et déjà plus de 500 mille exemplaires vendus.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma haute estime

Duracine Vaval, avocat,
publiciste

Port-au-Prince / Haïti

17-16-30

September 28, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have received only one letter from you, the one post marked in September. Possibly I did not receive the other because of the wrong address. I am no longer in New York but here in Atlanta. Concerning publishers it is difficult to give any advice. I should regard the Viking Press as a good publisher but you might also try Harcourt, Brace and Company, 383 Madison Avenue, New York City and Harper & Brothers 49 East 33d Street, New York City. The problem which these publishers have would be the question of a public to whom they could sell enough copies to make their money back. They make, as you suggest, a great many bad mistakes but if you keep at it and your work is of real value, I think you will be able to find a publisher.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Duracine Vaval, avocat
Port-au-Prince
Haiti

12-16-31

HAROLD G. VILLARD
125 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

17-17-95

Jan. 10, 1938

Du Bois Birthday Fund,
Atlanta University
Dear Sirs,

I shall be very pleased to serve as one of the sponsors of the tribute to be paid Dr. Du Bois on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of his birth and enclose herewith my check for $5 as a contribution to the Birthday Fund. I have known and esteemed Dr. Du Bois ever since we were students together at Harvard.

Very truly yours,
Harold G. Villard

17-1-38

January 17, 1938

My dear President Gandy:

It would be possible for me to speak at Virginia State College the week of January twenty-third say on Wednesday or Thursday possibly or Friday. This notice is a little short and it may not be possible to make a place. My charge would be fifty dollars and I would pay my own expenses except board and lodging while in Petersburg. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects which I am using this year.

Very sincerely yours,

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

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PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

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TREASURER-BUSINESS MANAGER

January 19, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-11-23

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Many thanks for your letter of January 17th. For quite sometime we have had in mind to have you come to the College for a lecture to our students. I am very sorry to state, however, that at this time we have allocated all of the funds that we have available for lecturers and guest artists.

I shall be very glad to list you for a lecture under such terms as you may indicate, sometime between October and Christmas of this year. When you can see your schedule that far ahead of time, I shall appreciate your suggesting dates.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy
President

JMG:VC

January 24, 1938

12-11-24

My dear President Gandy:

I will put you down on my fall list for a lecture and let you know as soon as possible the date.

Very sincerely yours,

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

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TREASURER-BUSINESS MANAGER

17-1-87

August 18, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We shall be happy to have you speak to our students on Friday, October 28th. Our chapel period comes at 12:30 p. m. We shall look forward to your visit on this date.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy
President

JMG:VC

17-1-88

October 13, 1938

My dear President Gandy:

Enclosed is a list of my lecture subjects. I am planning to be with you at 12:30 p. m., Friday, October twenty-eight.

Very sincerely yours,

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

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17-1-90

October 15, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We should like to have you speak to us on "Germany and the Race Problem" when you come to the College.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy
President

JMG:VC

68-1-21

October 18, 1938

My dear President Gandy:

I shall speak to you on GERMANY AND THE RACE PROBLEM, Friday, October twenty-eighth. However, as I look over your former letter I notice that you say chapel is at 12:30. Do you mean that I speak Friday at 12:30 or Friday night and in case it is the former, can I get from Hampton Friday morning in time for chapel?

Very sincerely yours,

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

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17-1-92

October 22, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We plan that you will lecture during our chapel period which comes just after lunch at 12:30 p. m. Petersburg is about two and one-half hours' drive from Hampton over the James River Bridge. You should not have any difficulty in getting here if you leave Hampton that morning.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy
President

JMG:VC

16-1-41

November 1, 1938

My dear President Gandy:

I am safely at home and want to thank you very much for the excellent audience and entertainment which I had at Virginia State. I enjoyed the visit. Will you kindly tell Mrs. Gandy that a most unusual accident occurred? There was a small bottle of wine setting on my dresser and when I got home I found it in my bag. How it got there I haven't the slightest idea. Ask her if I should return it to her or dispose of it as I think best. Du Bois sends love to Barbara.

Very sincerely yours,

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

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TREASURER-BUSINESS MANAGER

December 1, 1938

Head Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

12-11-28

The matter of establishing graduate work in Sociology in our college is under consideration. We are trying to profit from the experience of others and desire at the same time to be as free of convention as possible.

You would do me a very kind service if you would be good enough to answer by return mail the following questions, adding anything you think desirable.

1. What in terms of quarter or semester hours do you require for the M. A. degree in Sociology?

2. What in terms of specific courses do you require, or think ought be required?

3. How many credit hours are allowed for the thesis?

4. Do most of your thesis tend to be of a research type--that is, confined to an examination of written materials, or of a survey type--the making of studies of contemporary life by actual field wo work?

5. What different fields of concentration in Sociology do you offer?

6. What do you think of requiring a certain amount of field work or of requiring that the thesis should be the result of such work?

× 7. What, on the basis of your experience, would you regard as the minimum equipment for graduate work (M. A.) in Sociology in the form of machines for statistical work, laboratory or work-room, and staff? You may figure this on the basis of about twelve students.

8. What do you expect fundamentally to be accomplished by a student pursuing an M. A. degree in Sociology? In other words, what is this M. A. degree in sociology supposed to represent?

9. For what fields of employment does your M. A. degree in sociology prepare your students?

17-11-29

Again thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts
Head Department
of Sociology

December 15, 1938

17-11-30

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of December 1, 1938, I am enclosing the departmental requirements for the degree of master of arts in sociology in Atlanta University.

I may say that credit hours are not allowed for the thesis. The thesis is required outside of the twenty-four semester hours. Our theses are both of the research type in written materials and the survey type. I should say that possibly the research type predominate.

The difficulty of requiring field work either in the general course and in the thesis is that specific opportunity for valuable and informing field work is not always at hand. To make such work always available might be costly in time and expense. With regard to the equipment needed, Dr. Ira De A. Reid suggests as follows: "The amount of equipment needed is determined by the amount of work in statistics and statistical research that is going to be done. An absolute minimum for twelve students taking one course in college statistics and one course in social research is:

work room	1
work tables	3
calculating machines	1
adding machines	3

The calculating machine should be electric powered; the adding machines might be used one. If the department wishes to go in for statistical research, I suggest that the nearest office of the International Business Machine Company be consulted on the uses and costs of Hollerith machines."

Personally I think that the degree of master of arts in sociology in this institution presumes that a man has had a good general college education and that in addition to

that he knows enough about the general field of sociology and allied subjects to teach in that field or to pursue further studies toward a doctorate. Most of our masters in sociology are teaching or engaged in social work. Since the School of Social Work has been affiliated with the University, the masters from that department may be regarded as students in sociology and they go, of course, almost entirely into social work.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College for Negroes
Petersburg, Virginia

17-1-47

September 19, 1938

My dear Sir:

I am lecturing at Hampton and Virginia State College on October twenty-seven and twenty-eight. I should be glad to speak at Virginia Union either the twenty-sixth or twenty-ninth if you could arrange it. My charge would be thirty-five dollars. I am enclosing a list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

President William J. Clark
Virginia Union
Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Union University
WILLIAM JOHN CLARK, PRESIDENT
Richmond, Virginia

Office of the President

September 21, 1938

17-1-48

Mr. E. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. DuBois:

Yours of the 19th has been received. It would be a very great privilege for us to have you here so that you could present one of your lectures to us. I am sorry, however, that our commitments for October will make it impossible for us to make the engagement for this time.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Clark

WJC/m

President

17-17-40

[Wagg]

My dear Dr. Reid,

I know I'm shockingly late in sending this small contribution to the Testimonial Committee - please pardon my delay - and truly I wish it were more!

Sincerely,

Ethel M. Wagg.

17-5-07

February 11, 1938

My dear Mrs. Walker:

I am assuming that you are still in Richmond and on the job. If you are and this reaches you, I am writing to ask your good offices. Mrs. Du Bois, Yolande and the baby of five years are coming down by train to my birthday celebration February 23. If the weather is good I am going to drive them back arriving in Richmond Sunday afternoon and spending the night. Could you find me a good place where we could stay? We would need two or if possible three bedrooms and supper and breakfast; and of course to suit that family of mine the place would have to be terribly clean. I have tried both the hotels and of course they would never do. What can you recommend? I shall appreciate any advice.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Hattie Walker
c/o The Order of Saint Luke
Richmond, Virginia

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February 16, 1938

17-2-9

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This comes as an acknowledgement of your letter which reached me today. In replying I wish to state that I have been successful in securing reservation for you and your family over the night of Sunday, February 27th, which I feel will be very satisfactory to you. I am recommending you to Mrs. James E. Jackson of 2506 Brook Road. You will have no difficulty in locating this residence upon your arrival in Richmond.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Hattie N. F. Walker

Hattie N. F. Walker
R. W. G. Secretary.

HW/atj

P.S. - Although just a bit previous I am extending to you congratulations.

February 24, 1938

17-2-10

My dear Mrs. Walker:

Thank you so much for your good offices. I am writing Mrs. Jackson today. We shall hope to see you when we come through Richmond.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker
Order of Saint Luke
Richmond, Virginia

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February 11, 1938

17-17

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I believe your committee is taking very timely steps in that you are endeavoring to honor and encourage a veteran in the field of education and civic work after he reaches full maturity in service along these and many other lines which contribute to the advancement of our group.

I appreciate receiving intelligence of the movement that I might take part even in a small way. My wish is that your efforts may be crown with abundant success.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Walker

S. W. Walker, President.

SWW:ih
Enc.

P.S. Enclosed check for $5.00.

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January 7, 1938

17-16-111

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Not having seen any statement of yours with reference to your article in the Pittsburgh Courier some time ago, I am writing to inquire as to just what you plan to do before I take further action in the matter.

Respectfully,

F. B. Ransom

FBR/w

January 11, 1938

17-16-112

My dear Mr. Ransom:

The contract under which I have been furnishing a column for two years has expired and I am no longer writing for the Courier. The last two manuscripts were already in before your letter was received. I am, however, sending the enclosed statement to the Courier and trust it will be satisfactory to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. F. B. Ransom
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January 19, 1938

17-16-116

Dr. W. E. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your favor of January 11th, which reached my office during my absence from the city, which explains the delay in replying to same.

I thank you for your letter to the Pittsburgh Courier, and wish to advise that if an when the Courier publishes same, I shall regard the matter as closed.

You state that I vehemently denied your statement, Dr. DuBois if you had spent twenty-seven years in doing everything you could to keep a Company from falling into the hands of whites, and had been successful in keeping even one share of that stock from ever drifting into the hands of the other Race, you would also vehemently deny any statement or implication that the stock was owned by any white capitalist.

Respectfully,

F. B. Ransom

FBR/w

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Request to read Manuscript

January 8, 1938.

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-31-42

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

For the past three years I have been making a study of Booker T. Washington as a speaker. The study, now nearing its final form, was undertaken at the invitation of the Committee on Research in American Oratory, sponsored by the National Association of the Teachers of Speech. The committee hopes to publish next fall a volume called A History of American Oratory, and Booker T. Washington is to be one of the twenty-six major American speakers included in the volume. You can appreciate that I am particularly anxious to make an accurate appraisal of the great colored leader; hence, I wonder whether you would be willing to read the manuscript in its present form, and write me your criticisms of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Karl R. Wallace

Karl R. Wallace
Associate Professor of
Public Speaking

KRW/dtg.

January 10, 1938

15-31-43

My dear Mr. Wallace:

I should be very glad indeed to read the chapter on Booker Washington in your forthcoming book and make any comments that occur to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Karl R. Wallace
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

13 January 1938

Request to read Manuscript

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. DuBois:

15-31-44

I greatly appreciate your willingness to look over the paper on Booker T. Washington. I am particularly anxious that you look for any errors in judgment, whether of interpretation or of emphasis. If, however, you have suggestions as to clearer or more interesting method of treatment, I hope you will not withold them.

Sincerely yours,

Karl R. Wallace

Judgment of Negroes 3, 5?
Knowledge of men
Psychologist
Less agreeable with Ch. Negroes
one white person or two whites
favoring none such could
no word for white Chinese or foreigners

Mr. Karl R. Wallace
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

January 21, 1938

15-31-45

My dear Mr. Wallace:

I read your paper on Booker T. Washington and am returning it herewith. I think it on the whole excellent and I have very little criticism to offer.

Possibly if I had been drafting this paper I would have put a little more emphasis on Mr. Washington's uncanny insight into personalities and his indefatigable study of men, particularly in the case of white people both North and South. He made it his business to sense what they were thinking, what they liked and disliked. I remember his saying to me once when we were on a committee to interview Andrew Carnegie "Have you read his book?" I said, No. "You ought to. He likes it." It was doubtless painstaking observation like this that secured Tuskegee's endowment.

On the other hand, there were two classes of people that Mr. Washington deliberately wasted little time in knowing: one was the group of educated Negroes particularly in the North. He was undoubtedly prejudiced against them on account of his experience at Wayland Seminary which afterwards became Howard University. He did not often address them; was very sensitive to their criticism and perhaps discounted their influence. The first time, at his request, I had an interview with him he simply listened, tactfully encouraging me to do all the talking. Two slight references in your paper reflect something of a similar attitude: on page three you speak of the Negro urban group "perhaps better educated and somewhat less moral and upright". Again on page fifty-six you intimate that Negroes expect to see flashily dressed leaders with a diamond. Neither characterization is quite true. Mr. Washington was not the first Negro orator that used the colloquial style. Frederick Douglas' approach was very homely and everyday. He soared to heights of loud eloquence and sometimes too Mr. Washington took the oratorical tone but, of course, not so often.

The second group that Mr. Washington usually ignored was the white laborer, - the poor whites of the South and the trade unionists of the North. He probably was educated into the traditional Negro attitude toward the poor white and apparently he knew absolutely nothing of the labor movement. The subject was not taught at Tuskegee. He did not take the side of the employer against the employee because he did not sense any real opposition. The employer was of course right and normal. The only recognizable ambition of an employee was to become an employer or to serve humbly as a worker. It is possible that in Mr. Washington's book The Man Farthest Down there is some reference to the white labor class but if so it was probably primarily the thought of Dr. Park. Certainly it never came out in Mr. Washington's speeches.

Perhaps, these thoughts will be of some interest.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Request to read manuscript

March 1, 1938.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-31-52

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I want to thank you for your kindness in reading my paper on Booker T. Washington as a speaker. I was pleased to have you emphasise that Washington, for the most part, addressed his remarks to influential and substantial Southerners and concerned himself but little with the poor white. I had had the same impression, but in view of some of the early speeches in the North, in which Washington pled the case of the poor white as well as of the Negro, I hesitated to make much of the point.

I appreciate knowing of the incident in which Washington advised you to read a book that Carnegie liked. It is a splendid bit of evidence that Washington ever had his attention on the interest and attitudes of his audience.

Very sincerely yours,

Karl R. Wallace

Karl R. Wallace
Associate Professor of
Public Speaking

KRW/dtg.

Waller

Garnett R. Waller
2419 Craddock Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Feb. 18, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Logan:

I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Du Bois Birth Day Fund.

Please find enclosed $5.00,

With congratulations and prayers for many more years of usefulness and, great achievements.

Regret delay, due to illness in family.

Very cordially yours,

Garnett R. Waller

Garnett R. Waller

17-17-11

Waller

Jan. 14 38.

OWEN MEREDITH WALLER, M. D.
762 HERKIMER STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

12-17-92

Mr. Rayford W. Logan:

Dear Mr. Logan:

It is with great pleasure that I am sending five dollars toward the fund to pay honor and respect to Dr. W. E. B. Dubois. No word I write can add to the value of the life and work of an highly esteemed friend.

Very Truly Yours

Owen M. Waller M.D.

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Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

17-3-24

Walthall Co. H. School
Tylertown, Miss.
12-5-38

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Just a Card to inform you that we have organized a "Dubois' Writer's Club" among our High School students. I am their Adviser and would appreciate any of your literature, or pictures that you could send us, to help encourage the young Writers.

yours truly
A. D. CLARK

December 9, 1938

17-3-25

My dear Mr. Clark:

I am sending herewith a copy of my photograph. Please give my best wishes to the Du Bois Writers Club.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. A. D. Clark
Wathall C untry Training School
Tylertown, Mississippi

A. D. CLARK
TYLERTOWN, MISS.

TYLERTOWN
DEC 14
3:30PM
1938
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

17-3-27

Walthall Co. Jr. School
Tylertown, Miss.
12-14-38

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter and photo, and have presented it to the "Dubois Writers Club. They really do appreciate, and thank you very much for it. They send their best wishes to you.

very sincerely yours
A. D. Clark

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Request for recommendation

January 25, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-33

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

I have taken the liberty to include your name as a reference in applying to the Julius Rosenwald Fund for a scholarship to do graduate study in Psychiatric Social Work at Western Reserve University.

I hope that this is not an imposition, and that I was sufficiently under your observation at Atlanta University to warrant your making a statement in my behalf.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Wardlaw

J. T. Wardlaw

P. S. Please do not think that I am attempting flattery when I say that I have missed your column in the Pittsburgh Currier.

January 29, 1938

17-3-34

My dear Mr. Wardlaw:

The Rosenwald Fund wrote me and I was glad to send them a word in your favor.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. James T. Wardlaw
Massillon Urban League
Massillon, Ohio

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January 10, 1938

17-17-96

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Logan:

Dr. DuBois is a man for whom I have always had a great deal of respect and admiration. Since it is so seldom that deserved honors are accorded to a person while he is still living, I am in hearty accord with your plan to give the testimonial to him. Unfortunately, it would not be possible for me to come to Atlanta to be present at the convocation and banquet. I am glad, however, to send a contribution of $5.00, for which you have asked. I hope that the affair will be a complete success and it is my wish that Dr. DuBois may continue his useful and active life for many years.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. N. Waring, Jr.

J. H. N. Waring, Jr.
Principal

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[Booker T. Washington H.S.]

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March
29
1938.

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois,
Department Sociology
Atlanta University
City.
My dear Dr. DuBois:

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Booker T. Washington High School teachers and students are trying to build a stadium, and friends are asked to assist us in accomplishing this aim by contributing to the fund.

Teachers have been asked to act as a "Big Gift Committee" to solicit gifts of Five Dollars and above. I am asking that you make a contribution to this fund through me. I assure you that whatever you may give will be deeply appreciated , and will aid a worthy cause.

Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Dobbs, citizen, who has released it for the purpose of giving to donors information on the project, and sources of funds contributed to date.

A letter from our Principal,Mr. Harper, is a personal appeal.

You will receive full credit for your contribution;a receipt; and will be given the opportunity to inspect expenditures of the fund whenever you desire.

I hope that you will find it possible to co-operate with us in this matter.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

Very respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) L.D.Shivery

(Mrs.) L.D.Shivery
Secretary Faculty

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-17-27

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

February 23, 1938

Mr Rayford Logan
253 Henry Street S W
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear "Ray":

Through an oversight I am just getting my check in to you for the DuBois Birthday Fund. Of course you already have my check for the dinner.

I think this effort is quite justifiable and I wish you would extend to Dr DuBois my sincere admiration for his ability and deep appreciation of the great contribution he has made to the advancement of our group. I make this request because he will probably not see my name among the printed associates.

Please tell him for me that I am wishing for him many more years of health and prosperity and may I add, very selfishly, that I am wishing many more years of the remarkable service which he has afforded to the Negro Race.

Very sincerely yours,

Forrester B Washington

Forrester B Washington
Director

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[Washington]

414 Guillemard St.,
Pensacola, Fla.,
Feb. 19, 1938

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University,
My dear Sir:

17-17-43

Before now, it has been impossible to send even this small contribution to the DuBois Birthday Fund; but I hope I am not too late to share in the celebration.

My best wishes are with you and the others working for this affair.

Truly yours,
(Mrs.) Verna M. Washington

December 16, 1938

My dear President Long:

17-10-42

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is lecturing in y ur vicinity during January and could speak at Edward Waters College, January twenty-fourth or thereabouts. His charge is fifty dollars out of which he pays his own expenses. I am enclosing a list of his subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

President C. S. Long, Jr.
Edward Waters College
Jacksonville, Florida

C. S. LONG, JR., PRESIDENT

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Edward Waters College

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

December 21, 1938

17-1-09

Lectures 1938

Miss Irene Diggs
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Diggs:

I regret that it will not be possible to present Dr. DuBois on the date mentioned due to the fact that a previous engagement with an artist a few days prior to his coming would not be successful.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Long, Jr.

C. S. Long, Jr.,
President

CSL/k

Watson

A.M.&N.College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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17-17-16

Dr. Ray W. Logan, Secretary
BuBois Birthday Fund
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Logan:

It gives me pleasure to send check for $2.00 as a slight token in celebrating the birthday of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and only wish it could be more.

With congratulations to Dr. DuBois on this grand occasion and best wishes for his future success, health and happiness, I am

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) H. R. Watson

(Mrs.) H.R.Watson

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PRESIDENT

17-17-88

January 12, 1938

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

Enclosed please find check for five dollars ($5.00) for the memorial to Dr. DuBois.

I hope to be present at the banquet, but I shall have to let you know about that later. How soon should we send in our reservations for the banquet?

Yours very truly,

J. B. Watson

J. B. Watson
President

Enc.

[Wesley]

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February
14
1938

17-17-6

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Logan:

I am sending herewith my check for $5.00 to the DuBois Birthday Fund. I am very glad to join in this tribute to our distinguished friend and associate in the social science field. It will not be possible, however, for me to be present at the formal banquet. It is a pleasure, nevertheless, to send a word of felicitation and congratulation in this way.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Wesley

Charles H. Wesley
Acting Dean

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[Wheeling - Community Forum]

17-1-50

February 8, 1938

My dear Sir:

I am leaving here for my lecture tour on Saturday. I expect to arrive in Wheeling from Chicago at 1:33 p. m., February fifteenth. I speak at the Community Forum at 7:45 p. m. I must be in Buffalo to speak February sixteenth. Can I get a midnight train or would it be best to wait until morning. If I must wait until morning, will you kindly arrange lodging?

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend W. L. Lofton
66 Eleventh Street
Wheeling, West Virginia

[Wheeling Community Forum]

17-1-52

66 — 10th St.
Wheeling, W Va
Feb. 10, 1938

Dr. W. E. B DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois! —

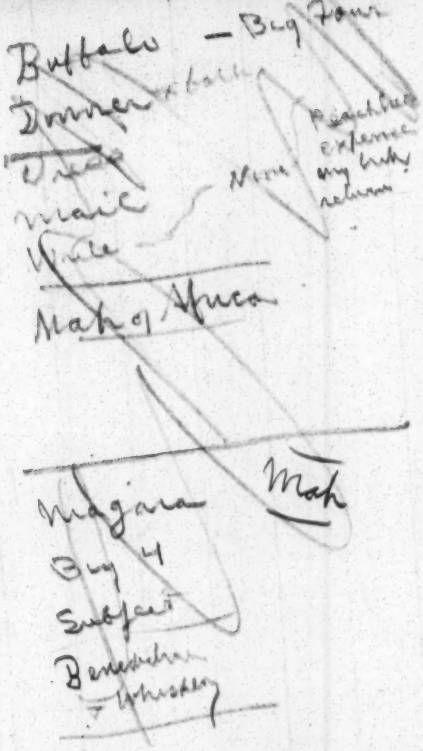
Glad to learn through your letter you will appear on our forum Tuesday Feb. 15th, 7:30 P.M. I will meet you and place you.

You can get a train out to Buffalo Wed. 6:45 A.M. on B. & O. and 6:55 A.M. on Pennsylvania. No other trains out earlier.

We shall look forward to your coming I am,

Yours truly

E. L. Lofton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[Wheeling Community Forum]

17-1-51

February 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Lofton:

I have just reached home and I want to thank you and the Forum for the pleasant stay which I had at Wheeling and the excellent audience. I appreciated the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend E. L. Lofton
66 Eleventh Street
Wheeling
West Virginia

[Wheeling Forum]

TELEPHONE
WHEELING 501

CHARLES J. SCHUCK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
CENTRAL UNION TRUST BUILDING
WHEELING, W. VA.

October 19, 1938.

Dr. W. E. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

12-13-65

The Wheeling Forum has been reorganized, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee last evening, it was decided to invite you to return here some time during the months of February, March, or April, if possible. We expect to carry on our work on a broader and wider scale than last year, and have been assured that we can have the High School auditorium this year, which will seat six or seven hundred persons, and therefore be able to give you a worthwhile audience.

If you can give this invitation favorable consideration, will you kindly inform me at your earliest convenience when you would be in this section and what the cost of your appearance would be to the Forum.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Charles J. Schuck

President, Wheeling Forum.

CJS/fd

[Wheeling Forum]

October 21, 1938

17-13-66

My dear Mr. Schuck:

I am speaking at the University of Chicago, February twelfth and in Detroit, February nineteenth. I could probably come to Wheeling on a date between these two. My charge would be fifty dollars. You might write me indicating a date that would suit you best.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles J. Schuck
Central Union Trust Building
Wheeling, West Virginia

[Wheeling Forum]

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TELEPHONE
WHEELING 601

CHARLES J. SCHUCK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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October 25, 1938.

Dr. W. E. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

12-13-42

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Replying to your letter of October 21st, let me assure you that I am pleased, indeed, that you find it possible to appear in Wheeling during the month of February. You indicate that you will be in Chicago on February 12th and in Detroit on February 19th, and that you could probably come to Wheeling between these dates. We will shortly arrange accordingly, and let you know definitely as to the date to be assigned to our Forum.

Thanking you very much for your consideration in the matter, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Charles J. Schuck

CJS/fd

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February 14, 1938

Request to read manuscript

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

17-3-3

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am enclosing a copy of a paper read to the Mother's Club, a group consisting mostly of wives of faculty members of Fisk University, by Mrs. Thelma W. Allison. Mrs. Allison is the wife of Mr. Andrew J. Allison, Alumni Secretary. Doubtless you are acquainted with the family. The paper was so well received by the group that they wish to share it with others. I volunteered to search for an editor who wished to use it. If you find yourself interested in it, I am sure Mrs. Allison would be happy to make any revisions which seemed necessary. The present copy contains exactly what was said to the group.

If you are not interested in the manuscript, would it be too much trouble to ask you to return it to me ? I would be glad to send you the postage.

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. White

CMW/d
Enc/

February 21, 1938

17-3-4

My dear Mr. White:

I am returning Mrs. Allison's manuscript. You are probably under the impression that I am still an editor but I severed my connection with the Crisis some four years ago and have, therefore, no place where I could publish this manuscript.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Carl M. White
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

17-12-47

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am
sending to you my
sincere congratulations
on your birthday.

"The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be
gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light
of His countenance upon
you and give you peace
now and evermore"

Nellie Allen White

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January
29th
1938

Dear Ray:

I am just in town for this morning before returning to Washington, and find your letter inviting me to be one of the sponsors of the DuBois Birthday Anniversary. I am glad to do this and enclose herewith Post Office money order for five ($5.00) dollars.

Cordially,

Walter

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlamta,
Georgia.

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July
6th
1938

17-4-8

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Here is self-explanatory copy of letter I have received from Mr. M. R. Werner who seeks certain information relative to Negro troops for inclusion in a biography he is doing of Julius Rosenwald.

I have written Mr. Werner suggesting he consult Emmett Scott's THE AMERICAN NEGRO IN THE WORLD WAR, and have stated to him that I am writing you to see if you can supply any further information on the subject. Won't you be good enough to write directly to Mr. Werner and send us a copy of your letter so we may have the information also?

Ever sincerely,

Walter White
Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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[Enclosure]

M. R. Werner
c/o WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 East 42nd Street
New York

June 25, 1938

Walter White, Esq.
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. White:

12-4-9

I am now completing the first draft of the manuscript of Julius Rosenwald's biography, and there is one point which I should like to check with you.

In my notes I have a statement that the Negroes after the Armistice were not permitted to take part in the Victory parades of returning soldiers, and I have stated in the manuscript this fact and the fact that William G. Willcox protested to Secretary Baker and pointed out to him the importance of not omitting Negro troops from the parades in New York and Washington to welcome General Pershing. Julius Rosenwald also took the matter up with Secretary Baker.

I find, however, that I have no record of whether Mr. Baker ever did anything about the matter. Can you let me know whether it is correct to say that colored troops were not permitted to take part in victory parades and specifically whether they were included in the welcoming parades for General Pershing?

The material has shaped up into a book that I think will interest you very much, and I shall see that a copy gets to you at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. R. Werner

[WHITE, W.A.]

THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

W. A. WHITE, EDITOR AND OWNER
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EMPORIA, KANSAS

February 8, 1938.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find my check for $5.00 and I am glad indeed to act as sponsor for the DuBois Memorial.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. White

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
The Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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17-17-61

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February 7, 1938

17-17-51

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Logan:

Wilberforce University is mindful of the great work of Education done by Dr. W. E. B. Dubois and plans to be represented at the celebration in his honor. Owing to the fact, that our Founder's Day Celebration is on February 24th, it is likely that the representative will be chosen among our alumni in Atlanta. No doubt, President Walker will communicate with you on this point.

With best wished for your success of the movement, I remain

Very truly yours,

F. A. McGinnis

F. A. McGinnis
Dean

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February 12, 1938

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-17-2

My dear Mr. Logan:

I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to attend the testimonial honoring our distinguished friend Dr. W. E. B. Dubois. I will be in Montgomery, Alabama, attending a meeting of the Board of Education of the A.M.E. Church and the Bishops Council. One of our alumni, Professors A. A. McPheeters of Clark University, has been asked to represent Wilberforce on that occasion.

With cordial good wishes for a successful celebration, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

D. Ormonde Walker

D. Ormonde Walker
President

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February 12, 1938

$5.00 donation

Professor A. A. McPheeters
Clark University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-17-1

Dear Professor McPheeters:

I am writing to ask if you will represent Wilberforce at the University Convocation honoring Dr. W. E. B. DuBois at Atlanta University on February 23. It will be impossible for me to attend as I will be in Montgomery, Alabama attending the Meeting of the Board of Education of the A. M. E. Church and the Bishops Council.

If it is possible for you to represent the school on this occasion, please give the enclosed check to Rayford W. Logan, Chairman of the Committee. Please let me know of any additional expense that you may incur as our representative and you may be sure that you will be promptly reimbursed.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

D. Ormonde Walker

D. Ormonde Walker
President

DOW:LNM

November 25, 1938

17-12-44

My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is lecturing in the Middlewest during the month of February and could speak at Wilberforce University, February fourteenth, fifteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth. His charge is fifty dollars out of which he pays his own expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

The President
Wilberforce University
Xenia, Ohio

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
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December 12, 1938

12-13-50

Miss Irene Diggs
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Miss Diggs:

In reply to your letter concerning a lecture by Dr. Du Bois, I regret to say it will not be convenient for us to present him here on the dates mentioned in February. We are very anxious to present Dr. Du Bois to our student body and will appreciate it very much if you will let me know what other dates in the spring are open for a lecture here at Wilberforce.

Very truly yours,
D. Ormonde Walker
D. Ormonde Walker
President

DOW:LNM

[Williams, Ethel Ray]

615 Girard Ave. North
Minneapolis, Minn.

March 29, 1938

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I thought you might like to know about some of the publications the State Dept. of Education releases from time to time to the schools in the states, and to the Commissioners of Education throughout the country, including the Superintendent Collins of Georgia. These publications could hardly reach all of the schools in the individual states, could they - and it is barely possible that our schools might accidently be among those missed.

If I recall correctly a certain André never was particularly curious about articles and pamphlets written by other people, or was it just that time was not sufficient to include all the things in the world that would be chosen to do. Anyhow, nevertheless, here they are (under separate cover). Does your school talk about Consumers' Cooperation at all? In Minnesota, of course, we breathe it in the very air.

I liked the things they said about you on your birthday in the papers, and I liked the pictures they gave us.

Do you ever speak in Chicago any more, or attend meetings there? If I could know in advance it might be possible for a friend of mine to meet you there. By the way, I drove down with a friend in February, and the change of climate and people was exceptionally good for me. I think I lost five years of worries (smiles).

It would be nice if you wrote and thanked me for thinking about you.

Sincerely,

Mabelle

17-18-37

615 Girard Ave. North
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 21, 1938

My dear Dr. DuBois:

17-18-38

At one time you used a Reminder Sheet on your desk which had space alloted to tasks to be done daily, weekly, monthly and even annually, if I recall correctly.

Do you still use them, or don't you do anything any more?

If you still have one on hand, won't you have your secretary mail me a sample?

Thanking you in advance for this added task to the insurmountable duties you must be occupied with, seeing as how you don't write letters any more!

Very respectfully,

Ethel Ray Williams

Ethel Ray Williams

P.S. May I add another task to the above: To whom may I write to get authentic information re: the new housing project there? I'd like to learn what steps Negroes had to take to insure proper inclusion, requirements for tenancy, jobs filled on the administrative end, etc. I've visited the projects in Indianapolis and Omaha, and each apparently has a different set-up. Very respectfully yours, all over again.

April 29, 1938

12-18-38

My dear Marielle:

I have your letters of March 29 and April 21 and I am much ashamed not to have answered before but I am trying to finish a book on scheduled time for the publishers and that excuses everything.

Thank you very much for the literature which you sent me on cooperation. We still talk about cooperation here and usually have one course in it but it seems impossible to get it over very well among colored people. They are utterly sold to individualistic, capitalistic business and most Americans too except those in the Northwest who have some sense. I spoke in Chicago in February but have no further engagements there. However, it is possible that I shall speak in Lincoln, Nebraska in June. In which case I may pass through Chicago. If I do I shall let you know before hand; or I may do Yellowstone Park.

I am enclosing a couple of the memoranda that you are interested in. They are not copyrighted but they ought to be. Also you may get information about the housing project in Atlanta by writing: Mr. Alonzo Moron, University Homes, Atlanta, Georgia and also you might write to: Frank Horne, 709 Eleventh Street Northeast, Washington, D. C. I think he could give you a good deal of information.

I hope you and the family are well.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ethel Ray Williams
615 Girard Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ESPERANTO

Medical Department,
Port Moresby,
PAPUA,
7-12-38

Request for information

17-16-81

Dear Friend,

I do a great deal of propaganda work for peace, but I can never obtain sufficient literature to make use of all the openings I find for service. I would be greatly obliged to you if you would kindly let me have samples of everything you publish.

If in addition you could kindly let me have supplies for distribution, I would be doubly grateful to you. I can make good use of literature in English and Esperanto, or in any other language.

Thanking you in anticipation, and with every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Fred J. Williams

April 22, 1938

My dear Leonora:

12-7-42

I hope you are going to be able to attend our fiftieth class reunion at Fisk. I cannot get there until June seventh but I thought we might have dinner at six. I am writing Mame. Will you write her too and also could we not have Tyndal's daughter? If you have her name and address please write her and send me the address. Let me know that you are coming. I am well and hope you are.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Leonora Williams
Wiley College
Marshall, Texas

700 - Moore St,
Marshall, Tex
April 24, 1938

My dear Will:

How nice it is to have a line from you! Yes, I am planning to be at our class reunion and I am thrilled with the idea. Mame has written me. I will write to-day. I have just written Tindall's daughter: her address is; Mrs. Lewis Moore
1032 - Taylor St,
Waco, Texas

I am quite well, working every day. Glad you are keeping well,

Sincerely yours.

Leonora B. Williams

44-C-21

May 12, 1938

17-7-32

My dear Leonora:

Mame has got one of those damn club meetings and says she cannot come to the reunion. I think the decision is terrible and I have written her a strong letter. Won't you write too? It will only be necessary for her to be at Fisk the night of the seventh and the morning of the eighth.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Leonora B. Williams
700 Moore Street
Marshall, Texas

811-21-118

January 4, 1938

My dear Yolande,

I arrived safely and happy Monday morning. Mr. Reid and Mr. Braithwaite were on the train. I do hope you are feeling all right. I think the rest in spite of the cold will do you good. Enclosed is my check for $25 as the balance of my Christmas present. You can of course pay the balance when you think best. My love to Dorothy and her young gentlemen.

I think your car is very good indeed. It made excellent time. You probably should have a heater although for travel around the city it may not be so necessary. Keep driving and take little trips out so as to get just as much experience as possible and also incidentally to keep the battery charged.

I had hoped to talk with you and Mother about next year but things were a little too hectic for the necessary quiet and thought. As soon as I find out what my program will be I shall write you. It was nice to see you.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-119

February 3, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I have just sent your Mother a letter, a copy of which is enclosed. Suppose you write her and me.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-120

February 10, 1938

My dear Yolande,

I have written the enclosed letter. From your letter you see that I am assuming that you will come. The only expense to you will be your loss from absence from school. I hope you will feel well enough to take the trip.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-121

Yolande Williams

March 7, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I was glad to hear from you and was a little afraid that all had not gone well. We finished the trip to Washington very delightfully and I put your Mother and the baby on the two o'clock train and they arrived in New York at 6:05 Monday. I went back to Richmond Monday afternoon spent the night there and the next night in Raleigh, the next night in Spartanburg and arrived in Atlanta Thursday feeling quite well and happy.

I am enclosing a list of a few persons to whom you should write personal letters of thanks. Everybody here seemed to enjoy having the family present.

I want you especially to look after your health and make it a matter of primary importance. I was able to have a pleasant seventieth birthday because I have given so much time and thought to my health since I had the operation in 1918. I hope you will do the same thing. First of all on the very next week end you ought to go over and consult Virginia. Her diagnosis as that of an experienced physician will be much better than that of the excellent but inexperienced girl in Baltimore. Please do not neglect this. Do it immediately. I could see when you were here that you were not always feeling at your best. There is simply no use living unless you are well.

Next comes your finances. How are you getting on and how much did you lose in wages by the Atlanta visit? I presume you borrowed money to get your car beside the installments. Are you keeping them up carefully and avoiding double payment of interest? Let me know how matters stand.

I shall hope to be able to write you in a month or so and tell you definitely about my plans for next years. It was certainly nice to see you.

With much love,

These are people who should receive a note from you sometime:

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

President and Mrs. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Lyda Kennedy
Atlanta University

Mrs. Eunice Henry
Atlanta University

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University

17-2/1-22

March 19, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I am sending herewith the photographs that you asked for.

Have you been over to see Virginia and why don't you answer letters once in a while.

With best love,

14-12-23

March 25, 1938

Dear Yolande,

Enclosed is your

lost salary.

With love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-124

April 6, 1938

Dear Yolande:

It looks as though the project for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro would probably go through and that I should begin work on this this fall. Of course you need not mention this to anybody. There comes now again the question of where we are going to live. It could be either Baltimore or Washington. You might begin to look around again for houses and especially to consider schooling for DuBois.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. DuBois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-125

April 11, 1938

My dear Yolande:

Mother sends me an interesting summary of the cost of DuBois for the year 1937. They are: education including taxi fare, dance and music lessons $225; clothing $268.69; miscellaneous expenses including theater tickets, birthday party, toilet articles, medicine and hair dresser $148.94; food, estimated cost of laundry and summer vacation $615; total $1,257.63. Of course this does not include any estimate of care and supervision or expenses of Christmas and gifts. I thought you would like to know this.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-126

April 19, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I have just sent the enclosed letter to your Mother which is self explanatory.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-127

April 22, 1938

My dear Yolande:

The probabilities are that I shall be staying on here next year and perhaps indefinitely. That makes it necessary for us to make up our minds concerning future living. I have written your Mother saying that if she feels equal to it we can, for at least a year, continue as we are now keeping DuBois in school as at present but if the strain is too much then I think you had better plan to take DuBois to Baltimore and let your Mother come here. It would be impossible to have DuBois here without buying or building a private home as she could not live in the dormitories but your Mother could and would be comfortable. Let me know what you think about this.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-128

June 13, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I am enclosing an application blank from Fern Rock for you and DuBois from August 14 to September 3. As I have said, I made this application incase you would forget it and be too late. I hope you will rush it to MaBelle if you desire to take advantage of it.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. DuBois Williams
1532 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-129

September 17, 1938

My dear Yolande:

We had a very pleasant journey south and arrived at four o'clock in the afternoon of Friday. Both your mother and daughter stood the journy very well and seem quite happy in their new quarters. All the goods had arrived and were largely in place and nothing seemed damaged in transit. I trust this will find you well and we want to hear from you as soon as possible. Du Bois registers in school this morning.

With love from all,

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
Dunbar High School
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-130

November 28, 1938

My dear Yolande:

I have been trying for sometime to answer your letter but work on my book has hindered me. First of all I hope you have been keeping to your budget. If you have by December 8 you should have saved at least $33 if not $35 and I hope even more. This is in addition to the payments on your car to the finance company and your storage bill. Just as quickly as possible get out of the hands of the finance company. I have told Dr. Beekman to send your dentist's bill to me and I will take care of it.

With regard to Christmas: my present to you is going to be a round trip ticket to Atlanta and pullman. Just as soon as the Christmas rates are on find out what this will cost. I will send you a check as soon as I know. I think you ought to spend Christmas here with us and Du Bois.

I am proposing to give your Mother a watch. She really needs it very much. Virginia says that Sadie can buy one at reduced price costing about $50. I suggest that whatever sum you were going to spend on a present for your Mother you remit to me and I will buy the watch and we will give it to her jointly.

Virginia wants to give Du Bois a typewriter. I don't think she can afford the whole expense so that I am going to contribute a part to it. I wish you would arrange with Virginia some way to select the watch for your Mother.

We have got to decide upon a future permanent home. I have thought of Great Barrington, New York, Baltimore and Washington. The difficulty with Great Barrington is that it is pretty far away and after I die or am incapacitated for work, I am afraid it would be rather a white elephant on your hands. On the other hand, we have the land and part of the building and could probably make it liveable for $1500 or $2000. I had thought of Washington in case the plan for the Encyclopaedia should go through but that will not go through this year and it is doubtful about the future but it is possible. The difficulty with Washington is that real estate is high and living rather costly. On the other hands the schools are good and it

is near Baltimore. It would cost too much, I am afraid, to have a permanent home in New York unless you have some thought of getting in the schools there. Otherwise there again, you and your Mother would be left with a costly house on your hands. That brings me more and more to thinking of Baltimore as the best place to buy a home. I am sure your Mother would not like it but we must at least consider it. Perhaps you had better keep looking around for any unusual opportunity. We can talk about this when you get here.

I hope you keep good track of your health and I am sorry you have let that tooth keep bothering you. You really should have had it extracted last summer. If it keeps on I think it would pay you to take a week end trip to see Dr. Beekman.

Your Mother is pretty well and I think likes being here very much. Even if we establish a home in Baltimore, she could, of course, come down here for the winter. The baby is growing and happy although still subject to colds. I am a little afraid she is coddled a little too much and kept indoors but perhaps I am wrong and she is unusually susceptible to colds. Of course she may outgrow it. She reads very well.

Let me hear from you and let me know what you think of all these plans.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
436 West Biddle Street
Baltimore, Maryland

17-12-131

December 16, 1938

Dear Yolande:

When do you have to be back in Baltimore after the Christmas holidays? Let me know immediately in enclosed envelope.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
436 West Biddle Street
Baltimore

[1938?]

Sunday night

Dearest Mother —

Just a note to let ye know I'm aboard — arrived safely & feel fine & well. I have to done much since I've been back but suppose the girl who cleaned for me. I've been

36-10-7

go out & eat. I
found that Tom had
cleaned the apartment
pretty well for before
I got here & had
some pretty flowers
here for me. It
looked very pretty
Tuesday we start
to work. I hope

we do & have any
more had weather.

Mrs Rich has
taken good care of
my flowers & had
washed all my
windows & transoms!

How's Rose? Tell
her I'm good &
that mother sent

her love & lots of
kisses. I'll see if I
can find a pencil
back for.

I hope ya
can read this I
can't locate my pen.

Love,

Yolanda

[FLORA GOSS WILLIS]

Spelman College,
February 3, 1938.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University.

12-17-29

My dear Dr. Logan;

In reply to your favor of January 4, I wish to say that I know of no one more worthy of honor than Dr. DuBois. I think it is especially fitting that such an event as you have planned should occur on the seventieth anniversary of his birth, and that the people of his race who have been and will be so wonderfully benefitted by the activities of his life should have this opportunity to express their feeling during his life-time. In so many instances these expressions come after the person has gone.

I am sorry that my own personal feelings cannot be expressed in more tangible form, but life-long obligations in many other directions are such that I am unable to assume anything more financially.

Wishing you all success, I am

Most Sincerely
Flora Goss Willis.

[Wisconsin, University of]

February 3, 1938

17-3-38

My dear Sir:

I understand that Mrs. Bonita Harrison Valien is applying for a university appointment at the University of Wisconsin next year. I have had Mrs. Valien in my classes for two or three years and know of her work before she came to this University. I can recommend her highly for the appointment which she seeks. I think that in both ability and character she will give a good account of herself.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John Lewis Gillin
Department of Sociology
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

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Lecture 1938

March 10, 1938

Mr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois,
c/o Chicago Urban League,
3032 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. DuBois:

It was exceedingly kind of you to take time out of your busy life to come and address the Woman's City Club on February 14.

I am sure that you know without my telling you how much you delighted and interested your audience which of itself is gratifying to anyspeaker. We are deeply indebted to you not only for coming to us but for bringing to us so much splendid information.

Sincerely yours,

Edith A. Steinbrecher

Mrs. Paul Steinbrecher,
President

eas/mk

[C. Vann Woodward]

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

THE GENERAL COLLEGE

539 N. Washington St.
Gainesville, Florida
April 3, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-31-57

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am sending you a copy of an article of mine, "Tom Watson and the Negro in Agrarian Politics." It is written in a spirit that I hope you will approve, whether you can agree with my conclusions or not.

I have followed your work with interest and profit for a number of years. I should like especially to acknowledge my indebtedness for the insight which your admirable book, Black Reconstruction, provided me. I visit Atlanta now and then, and I should like sometime to talk over a plan of research that I have in mind if I may come out to see you.

Yours sincerely,

C. Vann Woodward

April 8, 1938

15-31-58

My dear Mr. Woodward:

I have received your "Tom Watson and the Negro in Agrarian Politics". I have not yet had a chance to read it but it covers a subject which greatly needed investigation and I shall certainly use the pamphlet. Any time you are in Atlanta I should be very glad to see you. I thank you for your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. C. Vann Woodward
539 North Washington Street
Gainesville, Florida

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

MONROE N. WORK
DIRECTOR, RECORDS AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

July 20, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am sending you a copy of "The Role of the Black Mammy in the Plantation Household" by Miss Jessie W. Parkhurst, Research Assistant in the Tuskegee Institute Department of Records and Research.

I thought perhaps you might be interested in this article because it deals with a subject that has not been investigated by Negroes.

Very truly yours,

Monroe Work

Monroe N. Work, Editor
Negro Year Book.

MNW/p

17-13-43

November 7, 1938

My dear Mr. Work:

I want to thank you for the article on the role of the black mammy which you sent me in July. I hope you are still keeping busy and happy despite all changes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Monroe N. Work
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

12-13-44

LOUIS T. WRIGHT, M.D.
218 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK

17-17-20

Jan. 22, 1938

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed please find check for DuBois testimonial. I hope it will be most successful —

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta, Ga.

Sincerely
Louis T. Wright

September 21, 1938

17-13-41

My dear Dr. Wright:

Enclosed I am sending the last two reports of the Life Extension Institute. I would be glad to have any advise you can give.

It was good to see you even for a few minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Louis T. Wright
218 West 139th Street
New York City
New York

LOUIS T. WRIGHT, M. D.
218 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK

September 24, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

17-13-42

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I received your reports from the Life Extension Institute, and all in all, considered it very good. If you have any trouble with the anal condition I would suggest that you take possibly a dessert-spoonful of mineral oil at night. The few cells found in your urine I do not consider of special importance. It is a very encouraging report.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. DuBois and yourself. I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis T. Wright

LTW/LFJ.

502 A, N. 8th St.
Richmond, Va.
Feb. 7, 1938

17-16-93

Request for information

Dr. "Du Bois"
Dear Sir,

I am writing in the interest of a group of young Negro men who have banded themselves into a cooperative organization of which I am a member.

Our initial organization included only college men with a limited age range of 18 to 25 years. We continued along this basis for one year (the year 1937) but we found that we could not place any limitations within an organization of this kind.

The result is that beginning Jan. 1, 1938, we put on a membership campaign drive that would include any male individual that is interested regardless of educational or economic status.

Because of lack of capital, of course we would not be in position to use the high grade values neither would we be able to buy in very large quantities.

Trusting that you understand my motive for writing you, & shall be expecting a reply from you. I realize that a man of your calibre never has any time to loiter, but we place our fate or success in your hands.

Respectfully yours,

Edgar E. Yates

Since the first period of the membership drive, we have begun to buy our cigarettes from a wholesale house and retail them at a standard price of 15¢ a package to every member that smokes.

It makes us feel good to see our money coming back to us (even tho its small) and the result is that we're seeking other small commodities that we might also retail to ourselves at a profit.

This is the specific information I'm seeking from you. I was wondering if it was possible for us to establish contact with a woolen manufacturer or some already organized cooperative and get them to serve us the following articles, shirts and shorts (I'm referring to underwear), ties and socks.

17-16-24

February 10, 1938

My dear Sir:

I would advise you to write to the:

Cooperative League
167 West Twelfth Street
New York City

They will give you information.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Edgar E. Yates
502 A North Eighth Street
Richmond, Virgina

A strictly fireproof structure, facing three streets. Of steel, reinforced concrete, hydraulic press brick, white and polychrome terra cotta, fine imported marbles, birch and cypress wood, terraza floors, etc. It contains a $15,000 pipe organ, many modern conveniences and some of the world's finest machinery for the manufacture of Madam C. J. Walker's Preparations.

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Mrs. Pearl Yates,
6206 Desmond St.,
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12-16

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[Yates & Milton Pharmacy]

January 10, 1938

Memo to Mr. Milton:

Will you kindly prepare for me a one per cent saline solution of ephedrine. I should like it in a bottle with a dropper attached to the cork. It can be delivered C. O. D. to 209 Administration Building, Atlanta University before five p. m.

17-11-35

Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
Yates & Milton Pharmacy
228 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

17-17-53
[YEOMANS, Helen]

Spelman College,

Atlanta,

Ga.

2.8.38.

Dear Dr. Logan:-

I am enclosing my check for $5.00 for the DuBois Birthday Dinner. It will not of course be possible for me to attend the banquet.

Yours sincerely

Helen Yeomans.

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December 21, 1938.

12-15-2

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter of December 12th and upon my return to my office today I find a copy of "Preliminary Surveys for the Encyclopedia of the Negro". I assume that the latter is the material referred to in your letter. I shall be glad to look through this material during the holidays and early in January I shall write you as requested in your letter.

Yours very sincerely,

Max Yergan

Max Yergan.

my:m

17-13-46

901 Jefferson St.
Wilmington, Del.
November 4, 1938

My dear Dr Du Bois,

I have just come across something which I would not give even to you — the program of the Du Bois dinner of 1924 in New York. It is most lovely in every detail.

How are you? When do you pass this way again? Will you note the new address?

Sincerely,
Pauline Young

November 25, 1938

Dear Pauline:

I was glad to hear from you and ~~have understood~~ learn that you have gone back to somewhere near your first love. I am noting the address and shall be glad to stop when I am near.

My best regards to you and your Mother.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Pauline Young
901 French Street
Wilmington, Delaware

[Y.M.C.A. - Buffalo]

January 4, 1938

111-1-14

My dear Mr. Jackson:

My schedule is such that it is a little difficult to get to Buffalo this year but I am speaking in Detroit the thirteenth and in Wheeling, West Virginia the fifteenth. If I could come to Buffalo on Monday, February 14, or Wednesday, February 16, I should be glad to. My charge would be sixty-five dollars, that is, fifty for the lecture and fifteen for extra railway fare. I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience as I have offered these dates to others.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William H. Jackson
Young Men's Christian Association
Buffalo, New York

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The YMCA of Buffalo

January 7, 1938

17-1-105

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I wish to thank you for your letter and say that we will accept the date February 16 for your appearance here and would be glad if you will send me the subject of your address that I might begin early to advertise your coming. We are always glad to have you in Buffalo.

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Jackson

Wm. H. Jackson
Exec. Sec.

WHJ:tg

17-1-106

January 10, 1938

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I shall be glad to speak for you February sixteenth. The remuneration which includes all expenses except board and lodging while I am in Buffalo is to be $65. I am enclosing a list of my subjects and I would be very glad for you to choose and let me know at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Mr. William H. Jackson
Young Men's Christian Association
585 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

17-1-107

January 17, 1938

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I am not sure now just at what hour I can get to Buffalo; perhaps you can figure it out. I speak at Wheeling, West Virginia on Tuesday night, February 15. I imagine that the six o'clock dinner would be best, only do not schedule me for a speech. I would rather put my whole resources into the lecture at night.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William H. Jackson
Young Men's Christian Association
Buffalo, New York

17-1-108

February 8, 1938

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I have had no word from you as to the subject on which I am to speak nor the hour of the meeting. As I wrote you before I speak in Wheeling, West Virginia February 15, at 7:45 p. m. Will you kindly write me immediately and let me know when I should leave Wheeling; whether the night of the fifteenth or if it would be just as well the morning of the sixteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William H. Jackson
Young Men's Christian Association
885 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
The YMCA of Buffalo

17-1-71
601-1-109

February 10, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter of February 8 and I am enclosing an announcement of our meeting of the 16th.

I find that I wrote you January 12 saying that we would like to have you speak on the topic "Present Conditions in Africa," and leading up to this, give us some information about the present conditions of our group here in America during these trying times.

I have arranged a dinner meeting for you at six o'clock on the evening of the 16th. You will not be required to do any speaking. I would like to have a number of our men take dinner with you.

I shall appreciate having a wire from you upon leaving Wheeling that I might know the time of your arrival in Buffalo and I will be at the train to meet you.

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Jackson
Exec. Sec.

WHJ:teg
Enclosure

17-1-110

February 14, 1938

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Your letter of February tenth, with enclosure, addressed to Dr. Du Bois was received this morning. Dr. Du Bois has already started on his lecture trip but I shall endeavor to deliver, if possible, your messages to him

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. William H. Jackson
Y. M. C. A.
585 Michigan Avenue
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8 o'clock

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Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

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Invocation

"King Jesus is a Listening" . F. A. Clark
Men's Chorus

Violin Solo "Ave Maria" Gounod
Ray Paris

Music a "Bye and Bye"
b "You Must Come In at the Door"
c "Going To Shout All Over God's Heaven"
Men's Chorus

Introduction of Speaker Rev. J. A. Portlock

Address . . "Present Conditions in Africa"
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Questions **Announcements** **Adjournment**

Admission Free. - Silver offering will be taken for Needy Boys Camp Fund

WARDNER H. JONES, Chm. WM. H, JACKSON. Exec. Sec.

17-1-112

February 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I have just reached home today and I want to thank you for the hospitality of your Y. M. C. A. and the excellent audience. I especially enjoyed the trip to Niagara.

My bundle of laundry has not yet reached here but I presume it is on the way.

With best regards,

Mr. William H. Jackson
Y. M. C. A.
585 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

17-1-113

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The YMCA of Buffalo

February 28, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge with great appreciation the books which you sent me. I have started to read one already. I thank you very, very much and wish to repeat that we enjoyed your visit greatly. You are always an inspiration when you come.

I am quite sure you have received your lauhdry 'er this for it was sent by parcel post the next day.

The enclosed program is the work of our Junior Board. These young men are rendering a real service to our work here.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Jackson

WHJ:BMJ
Encl.

Wm. H. Jackson
Exec. Secy.

[YMCA - Columbus]

17-1-22

January 20, 1938

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November 22, 1937, I beg to say that I still have open for a lecture the date of Thursday, February 17, with a possibility that I might be able to come Monday, February 14.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John R. Butler
Young Men's Christian Association
202 East Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio

[YMCA - Dayton]

17-1-80

January 20, 1938

My dear Sir:

Last June my lecture agent, the Open Forum Speakers Bureau, spoke of several dates when you might be able to use my services. I was not then sure when I could be available. I find I have open Monday, February 14, and Thursday, February 17. My charge is sixty dollars out of which I pay my own expenses. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience. I am enclosing a list of lecture subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary
Young Men's Christian Association
Dayton, Ohio

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117 W. MONUMENT AVENUE
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January 22, 1938

Lectures 1938

17-10-75

Dear Mr. DuBois:

We appreciate your letter concerning the possibility of your coming to Dayton. Unfortunately, we have already arranged with Dr. Mordecai Johnson to come for two or three days the second week in February, and so cannot avail ourselves of your offer just now.

At some later date when you are going to be in this area, I do wish you would let us know and we will do our best to present you. We do want you to come to Dayton. We shall take the initiative ourselves if a little later we see an opportunity to use you.

In the meantime kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Sessions

J. A. Sessions,
Program Secretary.

Mr. W. E. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

October 24, 1938

17-10-76

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your suggestion of January 22, 1938, I am sending you my list of lecture subjects for this year. I shall be lecturing in the Middlewest beginning February twelfth at the University of Chicago. My fee is fifty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. A. Sessions
YMCA
117 West Monument Avenue
Dayton, Ohio

[YMCA - Denver]

17-1-52a

May 21, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have had correspondence with Mr. W. H. Fleming, 814 Second Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah with regard to a lecture but have been unable to get any satisfactory idea of his responsibility. Do you know him or can you give me the name of any responsible citizen in Salt Lake City from whom I could get information. I was negotiating with this Mr. Mr. Fleming to speak in Salt Lake City June 13 and 14.

While in the vicinity I might make arrangements to stop in Denver if there was any demand. I am enclosing a list of my lectures. I should be glad to hear from y u at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary
Colored Y. M. C. A.
Denver, Colorado

[YMCA - Detroit]

17-1-56

February 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Woodson:

I have reached home after a very interesting lecture trip. I want to thank you and Mrs. Priestly for the excellent and large audience which you gave me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. W. C. Woodson
Y. M. C. A.
635 East Elizabeth Street
Detroit, Michigan

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 26, 1938

17-13-68

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

You will recall that I talked with you about men with pronounced ability that we might invite to speak on our Forum program next year. I know that there are men within your large range of acquaintanceship who are prepared and have made real contributions in their respective endeavors. We want to introduce one or two new personalities next year and I will appreciate your cooperation.

You referred to one or two men associated with you at Atlanta. I should be happy if you will send me the names of these men together with their addresses and such information about their accomplishments that might be at your command. Please also advise of your schedule for next year for it was very obvious last season that Detroit does not tire of listening to your very able messages.

Sincerely yours,

Wilbur C. Woodson,
Executive Secretary

WCW/c

September 21, 1938

My dear Mr. Woodson:

Among the men who might speak at your forum next year are Ira DeA. Reid, professor of sociology in Atlanta University. He has been at the head of the white collar survey which the government made and has had a good deal to do with the old age security and youth investigations and movements. He is about to get his doctorate from Columbia and I think would make an interesting speaker. Dr. Rayford W. Logan, professor of history in Howard University is a very vivid and strong speaker and excellent for historical subjects, the situation in the West Indies and the general political developments in Europe. He was an officer in the A. E. F., has traveled extensively in Europe and speaks French and Spanish. He would make a popular speaker.

I could speak in Detroit February twelfth or nineteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Wilbur C. Woodson
Y. M. C. A.
635 East Elizabeth Street
Detroit, Michigan

October 7, 1938

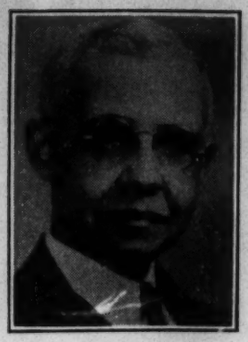
17-13-70

My dear Mr. Woodson:

I wrote you September 21 saying that I could speak in Detroit February twelfth or nineteenth. I had forgotten that I am already engaged to speak at the University Chapel, University of Chicago, February twelfth. I, therefore, could only offer you February nineteenth or if that was quite out of the question, it is possible that I might make it February fifth. I should like to hear from you as soon as possible so as to build up the rest of my itinerary.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Wilbur C. Woodson
Detroit Y. M. C. A.
635 East Elizabeth Street
Detroit, Michigan



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October 14, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We will accept your suggested date of February 19th for your regular appearance on our Sunday Forum Program. You did not discuss the matter of your honorarium, but I am assuming that it is seventy-five dollars ($75.00), the same as last year.

Please write me at your convenience and give the subjects you will discuss in your addresses this year. Thanks for your suggestion of the name of Dr. R. W. Logan and other capable men for participation in this program. It may be that we can bring at least one of them to Detroit this season.

Yours very sincerely,

Wilbur C. Woodson

Wilbur C. Woodson
Executive Secretary

WCW:r

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October 18, 1938

My dear Mr. Woodson:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak for you February nineteenth. The honorarium to be seventy-five dollars. I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Wilbur C. Woodson
Detroit Y. M. C. A.
635 East Elizabeth Street
Detroit, Michigan

17-1-129

February 8, 1938

My dear Mr. DeFrantz:

I am planning to speak for you February twentieth. I presume the hour is three p. m. The subject is "The Renaissance of Asia". I am coming to Indianapolis from Cincinnati.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. DeFrantz
Young Men's Christian Association
Senate Avenue at Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

[YMCA- Indianapolis]

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17-1-130

February
9th
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Confirming your letter received today, we are expecting you to speak at our Sunday Afternoon Meeting, February 20, at 3:30 pm, the subject as indicated.

Very truly yours,

F. E. DeFrantz,
Executive Secretary.

FED:rh

February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. DeFrantz:

I want to get to Atlanta Monday morning February twenty-first. Will you see what connections I can make after my speech in order to get to Atlanta by way of Evansville, Louisville or Cincinnati? If you can make reservations for me so much the better. You can let me know when I reach Indianapolis.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. DeFrantz
Young Men's Christian Association
Indianapolis, Indiana

17-1-132

February 21, 1938

My dear Mr. DeFrantz:

That was a fine audience which you furnished me as usual. I, of course, made my train easily and had a nice dinner on the way down to Cincinnati and arrived safely in Atlanta. Thank you for your good offices and for your diplomacy in the case of Mr. Ransom.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. F. E. DeFrantz
Y. M. C. A.
Senate Avenue at Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

December 19, 1938

17-10-44

My dear Sir:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is lecturing in your vicinity during February and could speak in Indianapolis, February fourteen, fifteen or sixteen. His charge is fifty dollars out of which he pays his own expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs

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December 22, 1938

Miss Irene Diggs
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Diggs:

17-101-45

I received your note relative to Dr. Dubois' lecture tour.

We shall be glad to use him provided he could come to us on Sunday, February 19, or February 26 with the stipulated fee of $50.

Our meetings are held on Sunday afternoon, and that would necessitate, of course, his appearance on that day. If either of these dates can be arranged, please verify, and notify us immediately.

Very truly yours,

F. E. DeFrantz,
Executive Secretary.

FED:r

[YMCA-New York]

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

January 27, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The enclosed statement, which I sincerely trust you will read carefully, will explain to you that we are planning to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the first regular Y.M.C.A. for colored men and boys in this country. You will note the forms that the Celebration will take and the fact that it will run through the entire year of 1938.

Since you are so vitally interested in the services of the Young Men's Christian Association to colored men and boys, I am sure you will agree to serve on the National Committee of Sponsors of the Celebration.

Trusting that you will agree to do this and that I may hear from you as promptly as possible, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Tobias.

Enclosure

PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE FIRST REGULAR YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR COLORED MEN AND BOYS IN THE UNITED STATES

Adopted at a Planning Conference held in Philadelphia,
December 11, 1937

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I. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

William Alpheus Hunton, a Negro born in Chatham, Ontario, of parents who migrated from Virginia, was appointed by Richard C. Morse, General Secretary of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations to establish and serve as secretary of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association for colored men and boys in the city of Norfolk, Va., in 1888. This Association has had continuous existence since that time.

There was a colored group organized under the name of the Y.M.C.A. in 1853 in Washington, D. C., and later there were groups in Charleston, S. C., New York City and other places, but the real beginning of sustained organization under full-time leadership was at Norfolk, Va.

Since 1888, Associations have been organized in 76 cities and industrial communities, and in 140 schools and colleges. In 1907, the first standard modern building was erected at Columbus, Ga., from funds contributed by Mr. George Foster Peabody and his brother. Then followed the building in Washington, D. C., to which the initial gift of $25,000.00 was made by Mr. John D. Rockefeller. It was significant that in the campaign to raise funds for this building Negroes subscribed and paid $27,000.00. This campaign was led by Jesse E. Moorland, associate of and afterwards successor to William A. Hunton, who was called from Norfolk to the secretaryship of the International Committee for work among colored men and boys.

The generosity of Mr. Rockefeller, the response of the colored people and the leadership of Dr. Moorland so impressed Mr. Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, that he made a contribution of $25,000.00 toward the Washington building and gave a like amount for a building in Chicago, his home city. He was so much pleased with the success of these two projects that shortly thereafter he made his great offer of $25,000.00 to any city in the United States that would erect a building for colored men and boys to cost not less than $100,000.00, the money to be raised in popular subscriptions from white and colored people. Twenty-five cities have availed themselves of his offer as indicated in the following table, which is based upon facts that appeared in "Life on the Negro Frontier," by George R. Arthur, published in 1934.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT, SOURCE OF FUNDS, AND PROPERTY DEBT OF
Y.M.C.A.'s FOR COLORED MEN AND BOYS IN 25 CITIES

Location of Y. M. C. A.	Original Cost of Land, Building Equipment	Year Dedicated	Sources of Income			Property Debt
			Julius Rosenwald	Local Negro Population	Other	
Atlanta	$ 141,516	1920	$ 25,000	$ 35,242	$ 81,274	None
Baltimore	115,000	1918	25,000	12,500	77,500	$ 19,000
Brooklyn	230,271	1917	25,000	15,000	190,271	None
Buffalo	280,308	1928	25,000	7,500	32,500	None
Chicago	193,979	1913	25,000	22,000	146,979	7,309
Cincinnati	111,545	1916	25,000	15,808	70,737	None
Columbus	140,496	1918	25,000	no record	115,496	None
Dallas	183,156	1930	25,000	50,000	108,394	None
Dayton	194,385	1928	25,000	8,643	160,741	None
Denver	100,262	1924	*.....	9,000	66,262	None
Detroit	515,685	1925	25,000	25,084	465,601	None
Evanston	134,569	1929	12,000	11,000	111,569	None
Harrisburg	170,629	1933	25,000	11,307	134,321	None
Indianapolis	110,000	1913	25,000	10,000	75,000	8,500
Kansas City	104,000	1914	25,000	30,250	48,750	None
Los Angeles	200,000	1926	25,000	20,000	155,000	None
Montclair	164,000	1928	25,000	9,000	130,000	None
New York	373,541	1919	25,000	23,763	324,778	None
New York	1,036,297	1933	25,000	14,292	997,005	None
Orange	175,000	1932	25,000	4,340	145,659	1,000
Philadelphia	127,384	1912	25,000	14,011	88,373	None
Pittsburgh	276,499	1923	25,000	21,291	230,208	7,527
St. Louis	225,000	1919	25,000	57,600	142,400	None
Toledo	203,002	1930	25,000	7,927	170,075	None
Washington	110,000	1912	25,000	35,000	50,000	8,700
Youngstown	199,445	1931	25,000	** 2,000	172,000	None
	$ 5,815,969	....	$ 612,000	$ 472,558	$ 4,490,893	.....

* Did not meet conditions for Rosenwald gift.
** Contributed to furnishings and equipment only.

It will be noted from the table that Mr. Rosenwald gave twice to New York City. The present Harlem Branch building of New York, erected at a cost of more than a million dollars, was made possible largely through a gift from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the Rosenwald gift and contributions from the Phelps-Stokes Fund and interested individuals.

Attention should also be called to the fact that of the $5,815,969.00 applied to the erection of these twenty-six buildings, $472,558.00 was given by Negroes

themselves. The campaigns for raising this amount were all conducted by the Colored Work Department of the National Council under the direction of Dr. J. E. Moorland, now retired, and R. B. DeFrantz of the present National Staff. This fact has a significance beyond its importance to Association Work among Negroes, for the raising of such large amounts of money by popular subscription from Negroes was largely unknown until achieved by the Y.M.C.A. Many other institutions and organizations have followed this precedent and raised large sums of money from colored people.

II. THE NATIONAL SERVICES

The Colored Work Department Staff of the National Council began with one man in 1890, and reached its peak in 1919 when there were eight men supported by a budget of over $70,000.00. The Staff consisted of a senior secretary, who served as general executive and campaign director, a secretary for personnel, a program secretary, an industrial secretary, a Boys' Work secretary, and three secretaries for work among students. The Department Committee has always been interracial, and its personnel has included such men as Dr. Lucien C. Warner, Mr. George Foster Peabody, Dr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin and Dr. Robert R. Moton, the present chairman. Post-war reductions brought the budget down to $53,000.00, which was substantially maintained until 1929, when reductions were so drastic as to threaten the existence of the Department.

Through the timely cooperation of friends, the greatly reduced appropriation of the National Council for Colored Work was sufficiently supplemented to enable the Department to operate with four secretaries, three for City and one for Student Associations. Three years ago the secretary serving Student Associations was taken over by the National Student Division, leaving on the staff of the Colored Department three men. The budget for the Colored Department is now approximately $27,000.00, and that of the colored secretary in the Student Division approximately $6,000.00, thus making the total amount spent at present on the National Services to Colored Men and Boys approximately $33,000.00.

During the time of these reductions in staff and budget, the Negro population in the cities where Association Branches are located has in some instances doubled and tripled, and the schools and colleges served by the Student Work have greatly increased in enrollment, buildings and endowment.

III. THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The National Colored Laymen's and Secretaries' Conference, held at Bordentown, N. J., last July, passed a resolution calling upon the National Board to authorize a suitable celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the first regular Y.M.C.A. for colored men and boys, to culminate in a National Conference sometime in the Fall of 1938. At a meeting of the National Board in Chicago, last October, this authorization was given by a vote of the Board. A small committee was appointed to make preliminary plans. This committee outlined a tentative plan and made a call for a meeting of a National Planning Committee in Philadelphia, Pa., December 11, 1937.

A. The Plan

That there be held a Semi-Centennial Celebration extending throughout the year 1938, to be featured by:

1. Anniversary observances in cities and student centers where there are local Associations.

2. The raising of a Semi-Centennial Expansion Fund as part of the Expansion Campaign of the National Council.

3. The holding of a National Conference in the Fall of 1938.

B. The Organization

1. A National Sponsors' Committee
2. Executive Committee
3. The Expansion Fund Committee
4. Student Committee
5. Church Cooperation Committee
6. Women's Cooperation Committee
7. Conference Committee
8. Publicity Committee
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D. Objectives

1. Acquainting the public with what has been accomplished by the organization during the past Fifty Years.

   a- By publication of the Biography of William A. Hunton (The Manuscript is in hand).

   b- Publication of a Souvenir Booklet, the cover picture to be contributed by a Negro Artist. An original poem to be contributed by a Negro poet. A Semi-Centennial Hymn, words to be written by a Negro Poet and Music by a Negro Composer.

   c- Use of the Radio and the Press.

   d- Endeavor to have the work dramatized through such Movie Outlets as News Reels or the March of Time.

2. A critical Study of the Present Program.

   A member of the Staff to give a large part of his time, with such cooperation as he can get from Local Associations, to a Study of the Present Program of Local Associations.

3. Charting the Course for the Next Five-Year Period.

The Program of the National Conference to center upon discussion of the Study Report and Present-Day Socio-Religious Trends in order to determine as accurately as possible the direction the Association Program should take.

4. Raising of a Semi-Centennial Expansion Fund for the National Services to Negro Associations in the City and Student Fields.

a- An immediate goal of $125,000.00, to be raised in 1938; this amount to make available additional budget expenditures of $25,000.00 a year for the next five years. Such would make possible

(1) An additional Secretary for Student Associations, which would still be one short of the number of Student Secretaries on the Staff twenty-five years ago;

(2) A Secretary for Boys' Group Work in the Unorganized Southern Field;

(3) A Secretary for National Boys' Work and Services to Non-Equipment Community Organizations throughout the country.

b- A Special Gifts Committee to share with Foundation Officials and individuals the story of the achievements of Association Work among Colored People over the past Fifty Years and their present needs, and to secure such Initial Gifts as may stimulate large giving on the part of the general public. From one half to two thirds of the whole amount should be raised in this way.

c- To request that local events be promoted in cities and colleges throughout the country in the interest of securing a popular response to the general appeal.

d- To request Local Boards of Directors and General Secretaries of Associations, particularly those that have Negro Branches, to conduct special events in the interest of securing the funds.

e- Emphasize the need for Endowment to help carry on the program beyond the five-year period.

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17-15-72

January 29, 1938

My dear Mr. Tobias:

Answering your letter of January 27, I beg to say that I shall be very glad to be on the National Committee of Sponsors to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversay of the Young Men's Christian Association for colored men.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Channing H. Tobias
Y. M. C. A.
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
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Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In behalf of the Executive Committee of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of Colored Young Men's Christian Associations in the United States, I want to express sincere appreciation of your willingness to be one of the sponsors of the Celebration.

We shall keep you informed from time to time concerning the development of the plans and the outcome of the efforts made in behalf of them.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Tobias.
Executive Secretary.

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[YMCA - Toledo]

October 24, 1938

My dear Sir:

17-10-23

I am lecturing in the Middlewest during February. I shal speak at the University of Chicago, February twelfth and at the Detroit colored YMCA, February nineteenth. I might be able to come to Toledo between those dates or directly after the nineteenth. My fee is fifty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary
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October
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17-10-24

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

If you can give us a Sunday during February we should be very glad to have you speak at 3:45 P.M.

Yours truly,

Leo B. Marsh

Leo B. Marsh,
Executive Secretary per L.W.

LBM:HM

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November 1, 1938

17-10-25

My dear Sir:

I regret to say that I have no Sunday afternoon free for a lecture in February. I could be absent from the University only two successive Sundays. I speak at the University of Chicago, February twelfth. I could get to Toledo to speak to you at eight o'clock at night on that date. If that is not satisfactory I must, with regret, forego the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lee B. Marsh
YMCA
669 Indiana Avenue at Elizabeth Street
Toledo, Ohio

17-1-36

The Young Peoples Assembly
62 William St.
Greenwich Conn.
Oct. 16, 1935

Mr W. E. Dubois
210 W. 150 Street
New York city
Dear Mr Dubois

We the Members of the Y. P. A. are very desirous of Your appearing As Guest Speaker at our regular Forum presentation Sun Afternoon Nov. 27, 1935.

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17-1-37

We could not Begin to say what your service would Be worth — may we pay for transportation &c.

We trust that You will be interested, if so will You suggest a list of subjects for a selection, Also some information About Yourself.

Anxiously awaiting Your reply.

We remain.

Lyda L. Fisher Chairman

Edna Harris
Acting Sec.

[Young People's Assembly]

17-1-38

October 21, 1938

Dear Madam:

My residence is now at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. It would be rather costly for me to accept your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lola E. Fisher
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August 19, 1938

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York, N. Y.

12-13-45

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have both of your letters inquiring about accomodations for Mrs. DuBois and Mrs. Williams from August 28th to September 12th.

At the present time we are using for transient guests two rooms on the fifth floor of the Emma Ransom House, numbers 505 and 506 which have a communicating bath. Each of these rooms rents for $1.50 per night per individual. Since Mrs. DuBois and her daughter would like to make use of the rooms for a period of more than two weeks, we shall be glad to make a special weekly transient rate of $7.00 per week for each person in as much as they will require the use of the rooms over so long a period.

I am enclosing one of our rate sheets which shows the other transient prices. You will see that these run from $1.00 to $1.75 per night according to the type of accomodations. I should appreciate it if you will let me know as soon as possible what type of accomodations they would like to have us hold for them. I think that rooms 505 and 506 ought to be fairly quiet in that they are on the fifth floor although they are on the front of the building -- 137th Street side.

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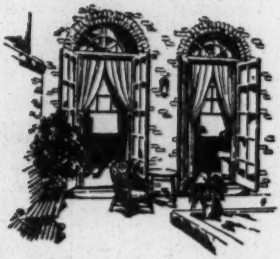

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Chronology of Babylonia, Assyria and Turkey

4000 B. C. Old Babylonian Empire
Sumerians
3800 B. C. Sargon of Akkad
2300 B. C. Supremacy of Elam
2000 B. C. Hammurabi
Babylonia Independent
1900 B. C. Assyria settled from Babylonia
Assyrian Empire
1500 B. C. Wars between Assyria and Babylonia
1300 B. C. Hittites
1200 B. C. Phrygians
1194 B. C. Fall of Troy
1115-1105 B. C. Tiglath Pileser I
930 B. C. Brillant epoch of Assyrian history
Semiramis
745-727 Tiglath Pileser III
Conquered Babylonia
722-705 Sargon
705-681 Sennacherib attacks Egypt and Judea
681-668 Esarhaddon
Assyria at the heighth of her power
632 B. C. Scythians
608 Fall of Assyria
608-538 New Empire of Babylon
Nebuchadnezzar
538 Cyrus captured Babylon
1058 A. D. Seljuk Turks
1300 A. D. Ottoman Turks
1326 A. D. Janisaries
1401 A. D. Defeated by Timur
1512-1520 Selim the Grim
1529 Siege of Vienna
1520-1566 Soliman the Magnificent
17th Century Six Sultans
1603-1648 Turmoil
1648-1849 Eight Sultans
Wars with Poland and Russia
1774 Eastern Question
1821 Revolt of Greece
1854 Crimean War
1876-1908 Abdul Hamid II
Russo-Turkish War
Turko-Greek War
Berlin to Bagdad
Young Turks
Italian and Balkan War
1914-1920 World War
Mustafa Kemal Pasha

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Arabia includes Arabia proper (one-third the size of the United States with seven million people), Iraq which was formerly a part of Turkey, Trans-Jordan and Palestine.

Arabia proper is a plateau sloping eastward from highlands bordering the Red Sea. The northern part of it is the Hejaz; the lower Yemen; inland are the three deserts: the Syrian, the Nafud and the Nejd. South along the Arabian Sea is Hadramaut.

Explorers:

Niebuhr - 1761

Burkhardi - 1814

Burton - 1854

Doughty - 1875

The inhabitants are Arabs, Negroes, Mulattoes and Jews

The chief historical topics are:

900 B. C. The Sabaean and Minaean Kingdoms

115 B. C. The Himyarites

525 A. D. Conquest by the Abyssinians

575 Conquest by the Persians

300-600 The Hira

500 Jafnids

569-632 Mohammed

632 Abu Bekr

634 Omar

644 Othman

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656 Ali

The Omayyads

The Abbasids

880 The Carmatheans

1517 The Turks

1750 The Wahhabis

1872 Ibn Raschid

1900 Ibn Saud

The World War

Lawrence

Iraq

Trans-Jordan

Syria

Palestine

Islam

Koran

Great Arabians

Avicenna

Ghazali

Avempace

Averroes

The Arabic Language

Antar - The Thousand and One Nights

40-8-9

JEWS

Nile to Euphrates; Dan to Beersheba, 150 miles

Canaan; Palestine.

2000 B.C. Abraham

1500 Joseph

1320 Moses

Judges

1055 Saul

1025 David

993 Solomon

953 southern Kingdom of Judah, Jerusalem
northern Kingdom of Israel, Samaria

722 Israel distroyed by Sargon, Assyrian, 27,000 in exile.

949-586 Judah attacked by Egypt; war with Israel; attacked by Assyrians; subject to Egypt and Babylon. Isaiah; Jeremiah.

586 Babylonian Captivity; Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captures Jerusalem. Jews in exile. Ezekiel.

537 Persians rebuild Temple (Cyrus and Darius)

332-23 Alexander the Great } Greek

323-198 Ptolemies

198-167 Syria

167-130 Maccabees emancipation

63 Pompey

40 Herod the Great } Rome

4 Jesus

66 A.D. Revolt of Jews

70 Titus destroys Jerusalem

132-5 Diaspora

259-600 Talmud

200-400 Diaspora in Europe

900-1200 Renaissance; Moses Maimonides } Europe

1229-80 Moses Mendelsohn

1806 Sanhedrin of Napoleon

Colonies

I795 Zionism; (Middle Ages)

I896 Theodore Herzl

The Sultan

I897 First Zionist Congress

I905 Kenya (Zangwill)

I917 Balfour Declaration

I922 British Mandate

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At Atlanta, the Emory University Library is building up a collection of Southern history and literature, about one-half of the thousand volumes collected thus far relate to slavery and the Civil War. There are over 500 titles by little known Southern writers. The family of Joel Chandler Harris has deposited the Harris manuscript material in a memorial room at Emory. In addition to the manuscript material there are copies of all of the published volumes of Harris, a file of the "Uncle Remus Magazine", photographs, scrapbooks and other material relating to the author. . . .

In the Southeastern libraries may be found more or less complete files of the Southern Literary Gazette, Southern Review, Southern Quarterly Journal, Sewanee Review, South Atlantic Quarterly, Virginia Quarterly Review.

The data in Table III show that there are valuable materials for the study of the Negro in College and University Libraries.

Collections of Negro Materials in College and University Libraries

Name of Library	Subjects Represented	Volumes	Pamphlets
Massachusetts			
Harvard University (Cambridge)	Africa, African Languages, Slavery	10,049	
Vermont			
University of Vermont (Burlington)	Civil War	2,000	
New York			
Cornell University (Ithaca)	Slavery	1,396	3,000
New Jersey			
Drew University (Madison)	Slavery, Negro question, Civil War, Reconstruction	1,185	1,500
Princeton University	Civil War	6,538	2,520
Illinois			
Chicago University	Civil War, Papers (10,000) Lincolniana (4,000 vols. and clippings)		
University of Illinois (Urbana)	Lincolniana	145	
Pennsylvania			
Geneva College (Beaver Falls)	Slavery (Files of Covenanter Church)	40	
University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)	Negro, Slavery, Civil War	"Several Thousand Cards in Catalogue"	
Ohio			
Oberlin College Library	Slavery	1,700	
District of Columbia			
Howard University	All subjects pertaining to the Negro	6,000	3,000
Virginia			
Hampton Institute (Hampton)	All subjects pertaining to the Negro	3,323	945
Maryland			
Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore)	Slavery, Southern History, Civil War	51,000	
Tennessee			
Fisk University (Nashville)	All subjects relating to the Negro	6,000	
Georgia			
Emory University (Atlanta)	Slavery, Civil War, southern History and Literature	1,000	
Texas			
University of Texas (Austin)	Africa, Reconstruction, Civil War, Negro	5,100	

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THE J. E. SPINGARN EXTRAVAGANZA

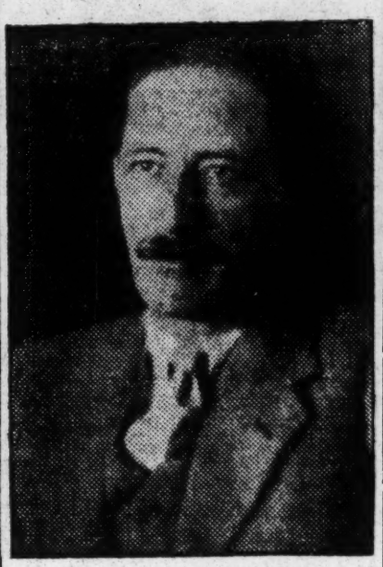
Atlanta World 2/1/38

By JESSE O. THOMAS

The celebration of the seventieth birthday of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois was truly an epoch-making event. The hundred dinner guests who "sat at meat" with Dr. and Mrs. DuBois and their daughter, Mrs. Yolande DuBois Williams, in the spacious dining hall of Atlanta University Dormitory, made a colorful culmination of history-making events in connection with this seventieth anniversary observance as they came to "the end of a perfect day."

Some 148 friends from all parts of America and representing a cross-section of American culture, were invisible guests in the banquet hall on this auspicious occasion. Many of them vouched safe their spiritual presence by letters, telegrams and telephonic communications. There were words of congratulation, appreciation and commendation spoken concerning Dr. DuBois' life and works by some of the men who had been co-laborers with him as executive officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Among them was Dr. J. E. Spingarn, an uncompromising advocate of justice for the human race. For more than a quarter of a century Dr. Spingarn has been officially identified with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and which connection has through written and spoken word, as well as financial and moral contributions, added materially in advancing the cause of racial progress and interracial understanding.



DR. J. E. SPINGARN

While no one is disposed to question Dr. Spingarn's conviction with regard to the equality of opportunities for all men, regardless of race, a large bloc of his auditors at the DuBois banquet was disappointed in the unwarranted attack on the moral integrity and the intellectual honesty of the late Booker Washington. In the first place, there were those who felt that Dr. DuBois' greatness did not necessarily have to depend upon a Booker Washington to oppose. It is conceivable that Dr. DuBois would have been just as great as he is today if there had not been a Booker Washington. Dr. DuBois might have lived in China, India, Russia, Continental Europe and anywhere else where large numbers of people were victims of calculative injustices. The late Frederick Douglass died before Booker Washington made his address at the Cotton Exposition in 1895, and yet, Douglass became a very great character. One would not be too charitable to say that there are other great men living today whose greatness cannot be accredited to an error of judgment or of motives of their contemporaries.

It is not our purpose in this brief statement to discuss the relative merits of the philosophy of either Dr. Washington or Dr. LuBois. We do not possess a Ph. D. Degree and, therefore, feel quite incompetent to do so if it were germane to the point at issue. We wish only to take exception to that part of the address of Dr. Spingarn where he deliberately impuned the motive of Dr. Washington.

As an hypothesis, he set the argument that Dr. Washington was a man of action and not a thinker—that a man of action cannot think straight. Continuing, he said: "If he thought analytically he would not act, he would write a book," which at least implies that those who think cannot act. "Being an actor," he said, "Dr. Washington would adopt any method to win his point," which would include duplicity, deception, buffoonery and even lying.

In the first place, it seemed to us poor taste to have injected Dr. Washington's name in the address commemorating the seventieth birthday of Dr. DuBois in the manner in which it was brought into the picture. Under any circumstances, it seemed a little off color, simply because one does not agree with another's position that his honor needed to be impeached.

There are a great many people, including men in the official family of the Advancement Association with whom Dr. DuBois was associated for a number of years, who disagreed with him or he disagreed with them. They have questioned each other's wisdom but not their motive. Dr. DuBois' new economic philosophy has invited a raft of criticism from many people of various ages and backgrounds, but I see no suggestion on the part of his more severe critics that he was without honor. Men have even gone so far as to say that he has now adopted the Booker Washington philosophy and technique but none has suggested that he would "lie to win his point."

It is always in order for one to criticize, if he so disposes, any program that his neighbor may propose or adopt in the name or interest of the general public. One has to be very cautious when he indicts motives lest his own motive be questioned.

I listened to the address of Dr. Spingarn with a great deal of confusion and indecision. When he concluded, on the basis of his own definition, I was not sure whether he was a man of action or a thinker.

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[1938?] Scottsboro

The undersigned wish to call the attention of the nation to a dangerous situation in the settlement of the Negro problem in America, due to the exploitation of the Scottsboro case by the Communist Party.

We have every respect for those thinkers and reformers who are seeking better social and economic conditions throughout the world. We want to extend to them freedom of thought and speech to the utmost limit, compatible with order, peace, reason and justice; but we are just as determined that a system of change which cannot stand on its own logic shall not be allowed to cloak itself under a false plea of legal defense and thus force the innocent and ignorant into positions and attitudes which they would never assume if they knew just what they were doing and whither they were tending.

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There is in the minds of large numbers of Americans, both South and North, a very grave doubt of the guilt of the Scottsboro prisoners. And this is due, not only to their evident youth and ignorance, but to the questionable character of their accusers, and to the social condition of the parties concerned, for which we are all in part responsible. But it is intolerable that this situation, which can and will be brought to a just issue, should be made the basis of vicious propaganda; and the use of actual or threatened mob violence, not only on the part of those who believe the Scottsboro boys guilty, but also on the part of Communists who are seeking to intimidate the court and force responsible colored leaders into silence or acquiescence, cannot be borne by the considered public opinion of this nation.

We, therefore, appeal, first, to the authorities of Alabama, and ask them by appropriate and legal action to take the defense of these boys out of the hands of the Communists and place it in charge of a National Committee, representative of the best thought of Alabama and of white and colored people, North and South; and that legal advice of the highest standing be secured to bring these cases to prompt and just conclusion, under the laws and procedure of the State of Alabama, and with the consent and cooperation of her citizens.

Secondly, we appeal to American Negroes to refuse to submit to the dictatorship or irresponsible agitators who are flooding the country with wild propaganda, collecting money for which they give absolutely no account, and supporting Communist propaganda in the United States out of the contributions intended for the legal defense of the Scottsboro boys. We ask that every dollar raised for the defense of these boys be put into the hands of the National Committee mentioned above, and used solely and simply for legitimate objects of legal defense.

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We are not alarmists but we warn the nation that this is a critical time in the development of our major race problem. If by insidious and unfair propaganda, the colored people, who have without question, suffered much in this country, can be goaded and deceived into believing that they have no hope in orderly reform and legal process; and if, on the other hand, with the avowed intention of making trouble on any and all occasions, the Communists are allowed to force American Negroes into a bitter campaign of increased racial animosity then the greatest opportunity which the Negro race has had for its development and vindication in modern

times, will be ruined and they will be made the victims of an irresponsible attempt to use them as shock troops in a World Revolution. Wide economic change must come and is coming in all modern nations, but the attempt to make American Negroes the main victims of such a change is beneath contempt and must be fought by every civilized weapon.

We ask, therefore, for the program which we have outlined. Namely: A National Defense Committee for the accused boys, a national fund for its use and the refusal of all contributions to Communists and others who are not willing to make this defence their sole and only activity, so far as the expenditure of these funds is concerned.

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The American Legation Site Dedicated - Roosevelt and Barclay Exchange Gifts - Liberia Receives Historic Flag.

From the arrival of the U. S. S, Boise Saturday, October 29, until the new ten thousand tons cruiser's departure Thursday, November 3, Monrovia was the scene of historic stirring events which will live long in the memory of the Liberian people---events which have done much to cement the traditional bonds of friendship between Liberia and the United States.

The capital of ~~Monrovia~~ Liberia was in a festive mood throughout the courtesy visit of the U. S. S, Boise. The flags of the two nations, bunting of red, white and blue, officers, sailors and marines picturesque native soldiers of the Liberian Frontier Force all gave added and touch of color and drama.

The conduct of the 700 enlisted men granted shore leave was generally praised. There was not an incident to mar the fraternal spirit which prevailed. Both the civilized and aborigine population showed great interest in the daily exhibitions given by the cruiser's amphibian planes.

On the morning of the 29th the U. S, S. Boise made known its arrival by a salute of guns which was returned by Fort Norris. At ten o'clock Captain B. V. McCandlish, accompained by his aide, Lieutenant D. C. Beard, called on the American at the American Legac tion The American Minister and Captain McCandlish next called on the Secretary of State and the three visited the Executive Mansion where Captain McCandlish was presented to His Excellency, President Edwin Barclay. At two o'clock the American Minister, accompanied by Vice Consul W. C. George, visited the U S. S. Boise and paid a return call on Captain McCandlish. A salute of 15 guns was fired in honor of the American Minister as he left the U. S, S, Boise.

At the American Legation from four to six in the afternoon of October 29, the American Minister,—Mrs. Walcot and American nationals residing in Liberia gave a reception in honor of Captain McCandlish. Among those present were the Vice President of Liberia, Cabinet officers, the diplomatic corps, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Conrt, members of the Legislature, members of the Consular Corps, Liberians and more than 100 Americans, the majority of whom from the Firestone Plantations, Henry S. Villard Special representative of the State Department, Washington and officers of U.S.S. Boise

This occasion also marked the opening to the public of the new Legation quarters which will be occupied pending the erection of the new American Legation. In welcoming Captain McCandlish His Excellency Lester A. Walton said:

AMERICAN MINISTER'S TOAST TO CAPTAIN McCANDLISH

"Captain McCandlish" :

The courtesy visit of the (U, S. S.) BOISE to Monrovia is a landmark in the historic relations between the United States and Liberia. It has been ten years since an American naval vessel paid a similar call to these shores. During this period Liberia has undergone many economic, social, and political changes. By far the most notable and conspicuous of these changes has been the remarkable progress in recent years under the Barclay Administration.

The roar of guns as the (U. S. S.) BOISE majestically sailed into port this morning aroused Liberians to a high pitch of enthusiasm; for the people well knew that the salutes exchanged between the cruiser and Fort Norris symbolized international accord and friendship

It is highly significant that the (U. S. S.) BOISE is on a mission of good will to Liberia at a time when the peace of the world is seriously threatened by armed conflict, suspicions, hatreds and divergent political ideologies. If the Golden Rule were religiously observed by nations and individuals my conviction is we would be living under the shadow of tranquility and amity instead of under the shadow of war. But there is a silver lining to every cloud and in this particulnr instance I point to the underlying principle under which are predicated the United States Government's good neighbor policy and reciprocal trade treaties. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

You are in a tropical land on the West Coast of Africa where sunshine and rain, fertile fields and flowers may be found in abundance. I predict that before you weigh anchor you will have learned that the

Liberian hospitality may also be found in abundance.

It is a pleasure, Captain, to meet and greet you and the officers of the (U. S. S.) BOISE. On behalf of Mrs. Walton and the American nationals residing in Liberia, I raise my glass in extending a warm and sincere welcome, snd wish for you an enjoyable stay in our midst.

Captain McCandlish expressed thanks for courtesies shown him and stated that of his 30 years in the Navy it was his first visit to Africa, and that he had looked forward with pleasurable anticipations to visiting Liberia.

On Sunday, October 30, at eleven o'clock, the Legation site at Mamba Point was dedicated, The ceremonies were attended by the Vice-President of Liberia, Cabinet officers, the Diplomatic Corps, Mr. Villard, the Consular Corps, Captain McCandlish, Commander Pfaff, Liberians and foreign residents. A detachment of 60 unarmed enlisted men from the U. S. S. Boise acted as a guard of honor. The program was as follows, "America" played by the Liberian Frontier Force Band; invocation by the Right Reverend Leopold Kroll, Episcopal Bishop of Liberia; address by the American Minister; raising of the American flag by Mrs. Walton; "Star Spangled Banner" played by Frontier Force Band; and benediction by the Reverend R. L. Embree.

AMERICAN MINISTER'S REMARKS AT SITE OF DEDICATION

The dedication of this site on which will be constructed a permanent American Legation building signalizes another chapter in American Liberian friendship. It is fitting that today's ceremonies should climax a series of historic events during the year in which the United States and Liberia have been principals.

By negotiating and concluding in 1938 three separate treaties, the two democracies have attested their faith in treaties as an insulation against international misunderstanding and strife. The three treaties to which I refer are the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, the Consular Convention, the first of its kind to which Liberia was ever a signatory, and a Treaty of Extradition.

Saturday October 29, was a red letter day in the history of American Liberian relationships. For the first time in ten years an American naval vessel arrived at Monrovia to pay the Liberian Government a courtesy visit. The spontaneous welcome given the officers and crew of the U.S.S. BOISE was unparalleled for its warmth and sincerity. May I take this opportunity to speak unreservedly in praise of the new cruiser which is a credit to the United States Navy.

It will be recalled that the first Treaty of Commerce and Navigation the United States signed with Liberia was in 1862 and proclaimed in 1863. On August 8, 1938, the new Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation was signed at Monrovia, the date coinciding with the 71st anniversary of the initiation of treaty relationships between Liberia and the United States.

Indicative of the United States Government's confidence in and regard for the stability of the Liberian Government a Legation building will be erected on the site where we are today raising the flag of which 130,000,000 American citizens so proudly sing with patriotic devotion.

No where on earth outside of the United States is the Star Spangled Banner so loved and respected as in Liberia. One hundred and twelve years ago the first Americans to settle in what they named Liberia, brought with them to Africa the American Flag. Liberians subsequently selected their national emblem as nearly like Old Glory as international proprieties would permit. The Chief difference between the two flags is that the back ground of one is embellished with 48 stars and the other with one star.

May the Star Spangled Banner for many years to come, proudly wave over the American Legation building soon to be erected on this site; and may the Republic of Liberia continue to progress and assume a commanding place in the community of nations.

The Service of Dedication of The Site For The American Legation, Monrovia, Liberia. Sunday, October 30, 1938.

Psalm 127, verses 1 & 2

Dearly Beloved, let us pray our Lord God favorably to look upon this act of blessing the ground upon which is to be erected the home for the American Legation.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
R. Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, who has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and did'st send thy blessed Son to bring peace to men in all their relationships, BLESS & HALLOW this Site, may the dwelling place for the American Legation, which shall be erected here, be a shrine where our nation in America may meet with this nation in Africa in a fellowship of brotherly love and mutual understanding.

In all councils, may the representatives of both Governments be ever mindful of the fact that by doing God's Will the life of a peeple is enriched and its welfare furthered.

May the great ideals, for which the Republic of Liberia and the United States of America stand, be a bond to further the principles of righteousness and true godliness and a shining light in Africa, which land Thou hast ordained to be the home of the great Negro race.

Let thy Holy Spirit lead this nation into the fullness of thy Life, for the furtherance of thy Kingdom here on earth and the joy of the eternal presence in the life to come. All this we ask through the merits and meditation of thy Blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end, Amen.

Let us pray for the President of Liberia, the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we commend the Republic of Liberia and the United States of America to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace.

Grant to the President of Liberia and the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve the people in thy fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end, Amen.

And now as our Saviour hath taught us, let us say: Our Father.....

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, anb the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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Captain McCandlish and Mr. Villard were guests of honor at a dinner given by the American Minister and Mrs Walton on the evening of October 30. Others present wers Commander Roy Pfaff. Lieutenant D. C. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Seybold, and Mrs: Chsrles T. Pilot.

Monday, October 31, His Excellency the President was host at a luncheon for Capt. McCandlish. Those present were: Vice President Smith, the American Minister, Mr. Villard, Commander Pfaff, Lieutenant Beard, Secretary of State Simpson, Chief Justice Grimes, Speaker Wiles of the House of Representatives, Secretary of the Treasury Dennis, Attorney General Phelps, Postmaster General Brown, Dr. Gibson, Director of Public Instruction; Richard Bright, Secretary to the President, and Colonel Whisnant, the Presiden's military aide.

ROOSEVELT SENDS BARCLAY FOUNTAIN PEN

After luncheon Minister Walton presented President Barclay with a gold fountain pen, the gift of President Roosevelt. The American Minister's remarks follow:

Mr President:

"Much is said about the traditional friendly relations that exist between the United States and Liberia. My obser vation has been that the personal attitudes are international policies of the Chief Executives of the two countries are determining factors in the promotion of good will.

When in Washington some monhts ago I was privileged to discuss Liberian affairs with the President of the United

States, who displayed friendly concern for Liberia and for the Republic's President.

Mr, Villard brought with him additional proof of President Roosevelt's warm regard for President Barclay. I feel highly honored in being accord ed this opportunity to present this gift from the President of the United States to the President of Liberia.'"

At the conclusion of his remarks, President Barclay handed Minister Walton a rare set of Liberian stamps as his gift to President Rooesvelt, who is an ardent stamp collector.

BARCLAY SENDS ROOSEVELT STAMP COLLECTION

In his reply President Barclay said:

Mr. Minister:

Deeply moved by the token which you were good enough to hand me from the President of the United States, I am happy to record my acceptance thereof not as a personal tribute to me but as indicative of the continuing interest which the Government of the United States evidences in the welfare and progress of Liberia.

It is my hope that nothing will transpire to impair this interest, and that as the years go by the people of Liberia and the people of the United States will be drawn closer to gether in spirit and in mutual sympathy.

I avail myself of this opportunity to ask you to be good enough to forward this mark of my personal regard to President Roosevelt.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS MR. VILLARD

IN PRESENTING MR. VILLARD AT THE RECEPTION PRESIDENT BARCLAY SAID

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have requested your presence this evening to meet Mr. Villard, an official of the Department of State of the United States, and grandson of that Great American William Lloyd Garrison, who has been specially sent to Liberia to convey to the Government and People of this Country assurances of tho continued interest of that Great Government in the welfare and progress of this Republic.

Mr. Villard, in addition, is charged with a mission of courteous significance from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, of which he will speak. This, I take, is intended to signify the sentiments of the American People as distinct from the expression of official goodwill.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Villard,

RECEPTION TO MR. VILLARD

Representative Liberians and Americans in official life, business and missionary workers attended the reception given Monday evening, October 31, at the Executive Mansion to meet Mr Villard. During the evening, the guest of honor presented President Barclay wtth a flag donated by the Phelps-Stokes Fund. Mr. Villard's remarks follow;

Mr. President citizens of Liberia, distinguished guests:

Ninety one years ago, in a house belonging to the President of the New York State Colonization Society, a group of Americans took appropriate note of Liberia as an indepen dent nation, a nation founded on the same ideal of liberty as the United States itself. Interested members of the Society in 1847 sewed for Liberia a flag which closely resembled the flag of the United States which bore the same colors of red, white and blue and which stood equally with the United States flag for the principles of democratic Government.

Ever since that date, Liberia and the United States have been bound by strong ties of friendship. The people of both countries have not forgotten that the first colonists of Liberia came from American shores. The Republic of Liberia modeled its constitution on that of the United States The United States. in turn, has always followed with sympathetic interest the progress and welfare of Liberia.

However, it is not alone in the historical sense that these ties exist today Both countries are pursuing the same objectives orderly advancement, peaceful and orderly internation al relations, and steady improvement in the condition of the people

It has been said, Mr, President, that "Where there is no vision, the people perish" I am happy to say that there is unmistakable proof of vision in Liberia today Under Your Excellency's able leadership, Liberia has won respect and admiration in the United States. giving rise to confidence on

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Mr. President, I take great pleasure in presenting to you this original flag of Liberia.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS FLAG

"Since the founding of Liberia, American religious and charitable institutions have manifested great interest in the welfare of this country even prior to the establishment of the Republic. It is not surprising then, that those who have, from the beginning, promoted the idea of a free state in Africa for people of African descent resident in America, should, when the, American expatriates had arrived at the point when they had set up an independent state, not only suggest to them but also put into material from the flag that should mark their attainment of nationhood.

The torm of the Liberian flag, approximating as it does that of the United States, attests not only the origin of those people of Liberia who emigrated from America, but symbolises the spiritual and political ideals which they have derived from their contacts with American civilization and American political institutions.

Spiritual ideals are perpetual and self perpetuating. The fact that the ideals of the people of Liberia and the ideals of the people of the United States approximate so closely to each other, is an augury that those close relations which have so far existed and which we hope will continue to exist between the people of the two States, will be perpetuated.

I, on behalf of the people of Liberia, accept this minature of the flag of Liberia, made from the remnants of the bunting used for the first flag of the Republic, as a sign that the concern which the donors have heretofore manifested in the walfare of this country will not only be continued but that it will promote and emphasize the perpetual spiritual, social and economic interest which bind the interests of the governments and peoples of the two States in mutual accord.

I should be grateful if you would convey to them the appreciative sentiments of the Liberian people.

In the afternoon of November 1, the petty officers of the U. S. S. Boise were guests at a smoker at the Department of State.

Captain McCandlish and officers gave a reception on the morning of November 2, from 9 to 11 aboard the U.S.S. Boise. Some two hundred persons accepted the invitation to visit the cruiser. One of the most enjoyable courtesies extended the guests was the serving of various flavors of ice cream soda a la American, at the large soda fountain,

CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS ENTERTAIN

From 1:30, to 3: 30, Captain McCandlish and Mr. Villard gave a luncheon at which were the American Minister and Mrs Walton, Secretary of State Simpson, His Honor the Chief Justice and Mrs. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs Seybold, Mr. and Mrs. Pilot, John A. Dunaway, Commander Pfaff and Lieuten ant Beard.

Throughout the visit of the cruiser officers and enlisted men were royally entertained by the American Citizens Committee named by the American Minister. Members of the Men's Committee: G, H. Seybold, manager of Firestone Plantations, chairman; Ernest Clayton, John A Dunaway, J. S. Durland R.L. Embree, Dr. J. H Furbay, H. Heilman, the Rev Bishop Leopold Kroll, Capt William D. Nabors, C.T Pilot, Rev A.W. Ricks, Claude Rupel, Dr Clarence F. Scarbrough, R. C. Smith, Dr M.M. Townsend, and Joseph F. Walker.

Women's Committee. Mrs Pauline Pilot, chairman: Mrs. Gertrude Adams, Mrs. Nina Blowers, Miss Winifred Boroughs. Mrs Helen Campbell, Mrs Ruth Embree, Mrs. Elizabeth Furbay Miss Susan Harris Mrs Florence Kroll, Mrs Clyde Miller, Miss Susan Mitchell, Mrs Gertrude Mourton Mrs Nabors, Miss Elsie Otto, Mrs. Bernice Seybold and Mrs. Virginia Smith

The visitors from the cruiser were entertained at cocktail parties and given refreshments at the homes of members of the committee in Monrovia, at the new Firestone residence on Mamba Point, the Firestone Plantations, and the Northern Athletic Club, Monrovia

Every courtesy was extended Liberians and other nationals who visited the U.S.S. Boise. High Liberian officials were given gun salutes according to rank, as were foreign diplomats and Consuls Commodious launches, plying between the cruiser and the landing, were furnished free for transportation of guests. Ideal weather prevailed

That the visit of the U.S.S. Boise with attendant ceremonies was highly successful and all that could be desired was the consensus of opinion,

At 1:30 p m Thursday, November 3, the cruiser weighed anchor and sailed for Capetown South Africa

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MR. C. G. BRYANT,
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Port of Monrovia.

Sir:

The Captain and the Executive Officer of U. S. S. "Boise" have both expressed to me their great pleasure in the repeated courtesies extended by the Officials of the Port of Monrovia

I wish you would communicate their sentiments and thanks to all concerned, especially to the Boarding officer, the Wharfinger, the boat headman and the assistant headman. I wish to add my own commendation and to say that the way the visit of this ship was handled reflects much credit on the administration of the Port.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DUNAWAY,
Acting Financial Adviser, R. L.

By Rebecca C Brooks

On Thursday the 6th instant, a series of revival meeting was held in the Methodist Church of this City, by the Christains in general for two consecutive weeks And upon the time of closing the meeting, it had resulted into twenty nine converts. We thank the Lord for his Visitation to us.

On Wednesday the 12th inst. a grand wedding took place The elderest daughter of Hon. S. David Coleman, in Person of Miss Diana L. Coleman was joined in holy wedlock to Mr. Steven Dunbar, at her home, at 4. p. m. Her bride maids were Misses Georgia Coleman and Williette Johnson. Groomsmen were Messrs. William Phillips and Joseph Dunbar.

Many visitors were present. Among whom were Hon. James S. Wiles, Auditor, And Mrs. J. Thomas Phillips and some of the Bromley Teachers in person of Misses Ora Dennis Gertrude Ware Eva Perkins And Stataria Gibson. After the wedding; at 9 30 o'clock p.m. a Dance was had in honour of the Bride and Groom. Everybody expressed how well they had spent the evening.

We express our hearty congratulations to the young Couple and wish for them all prosperity and success in the future

Foreign News

EPICURES AT NEW YORK FAIR

NEW YORK.. The bill of fare available at the New York World's Fair 1939 will provide the visitors with a veritable gastronomic trip around the globe. A score of foreign nations intended including restaurants in their natiional pavilion. France, for instance, will offer to the gourmant a canard nantais a l'orange; Belgium is to specialize in Flemish and Walloon dishes, with delicacies cooked in fig leaves; Cuba will arroz con pollo; Mexico, tamales, frijoles and baked pig; Rumania, a wide range of game, Russia, blinis and kasha; Brazil, colorful assemblies of tropical vegetables; Did anvone call the water?

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

NEW YORK.. A fact not generally known is that most of the Bibles sold in this country are printed in Belgium; Partly on this account, printing is to be displayed in historic fashion in the Belgian Building at the New York World's Fair 1939; Art binding, particularly in leather is high craft in Belgium, so many examples of it are to be shown; One section of the exhibit is to be devoted to raae old manuscripts now in the Antwerp Museum.

FAIR HOUSING

NEW YORK.. Surveys indicate that visitors to the New York World's Fair 1939 will be able to obtain agreeable accommodating at any price range in New York City and its environs during the period of the Exposition, There are 133. 334 hotel rooms in the city, hostelries in suburban communities in the metropolitan area have 50,000, Y, M, C, A, clubhouses and similar semi—public institutions provided 40.900 rooms, and those in apartments and rooming houses add 120,000 more, Thus, the total transient accommodation is 343.334 rooms,

BIRTHS AT THE FAIR

NEW YORK.. More than a dozen babies will be born at the New York World's Fair 1939, it is expected by the Fair's Department of Medicine and Public Health.

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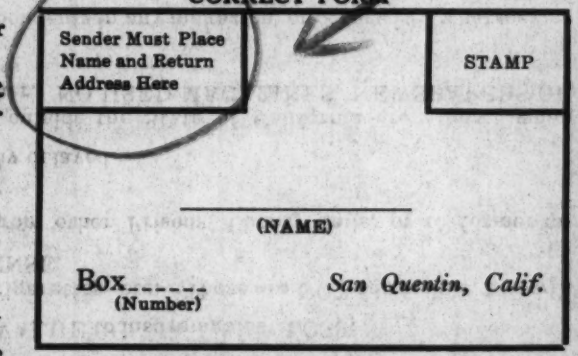

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DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS DISCUSSES ANTI-SEMITISM

STUDENTS PLAN ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMY OF ENGLISH IN ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Informality To Be By-word of Meeting

With the Royal Society of English History and the Academy of Arts and Sciences of French History as a pattern, the students of the English Department of Atlanta University are busily engaged in the organization of a group for the purpose of "laboring with all the care and diligence possible for the creation of a profound spirit of scholasticism, achievement, leadership and intellect in the University."

The organization is the brainchild of V. Trenton Tubbs, Jr., National President of Delta Phi Delta, former Editor of the *Maroon Tiger*, an outstanding figure in campus activities at Morehouse. Although he is not a student of A. U., Tubbs is enrolled in a number of graduate coureses which has given the basis for an interest in common with grad students, so he informed the *Spectator* interviewer. Several other undergraduate students in the department have been invited to participate in the discussions which are to assume the atmosphere of the coffee-houses of the seventeenth century with the more modern tea supplanting the coffee.

Professors Lindsay, Jenkins, Braithwaite, Chandler, Faust and Tillman of the English Department are lending their support to the move. The first meeting at which officers will be elected and the society further elaborated will be held Thursday evening, December December 15, at 7 p. m. in the Men's Lounge of the University Dormitories.

SPECTATOR OFFERS UNIQUE SERVICES TO ADVERTISERS

A special service offerd by the Spectator to its advertisers during the recent football season, won not only the praise of local merchants but proved to be of much interest to football crowds attending games played by Morehouse College and its opponents. The service included the play by play account of the game as it happened, thereby serving to help many spectators understand the many intricacies of America's favorite sport.

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Editor Kendrix Outlines Negro Press Project

Among the National Projects to be conducted by the National Chapter of Delta Phi Delta during the ensuing year is listed a "National Bigger and Better Negro Newspaper Week" which is to be held during the month of January according to an announcement which was released this week from the office of Moss Hyles Kendrix, National Director of Projects, and Editor of the Maroon Tiger.

At the time of this statement, the preliminary plans for the conducting of the project were still in the making. However, Director Kendrix and the officials of Delta Phi Delta expressed the belief that such a project should prove an asset to the cause of Negro journalism in United States and that through its influence Negro America should become more conscious of the opportunities and powers that are to be had because of the presence of an effective and alert Negro press.

Nation-wide contacts are being made in connection with this project and the cooperation of all Negro newspapers is expected in order that it may be a success.

R. L. VANN SPEAKS FOR BETA CHAPTER

Hon. Robert L. Vann ,publisher of the *Pittsburg Courier* and former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, addressed a throng of students and citizens in the college auditorium of Tennessee State College last week. He was introduced by President W. J. Hale. the event being sposored by Beta Chapter of Delta Phi Delta.

Music for the event was furnished by the concert singers under the direction of Mrs. Marie Brooks Strange while charming solos were rendered by Misses Modestine Young of Knoxville, Tenn., and Betty Dugger of Dayton, Ohio.

Editors of local colored newspapers occupied seats of honor on the platform in tribute to the distinguished guest of the occasion.

This is the second event sponsored by Beta Chapter, having presented Dean Gore as principal speaker in one of its previous chapter projects.

Delta Phi Delta To Present R. McIver

Wednesday, December 14, at 9 a. m. in Sale Hall Chapel, Alpha Chapter of Delta Phi Delta will present its first program of the year to the students of the University System. The program which will center around the release of the first edition of the *Spectator* will have as its principal speaker, Mr. Raphel McIver of the faculty of Washington High School and a member of the National Advisory Council.

Mr. McIver will be remembered as one of the most outstanding men at Morehouse in years past. Among his many prowesses, he is a former editor of the *Maroon Tiger*, Chi Delta Sigma Debating Society, and an outstanding figure in many of the productions of the University Players.

Director Hinds Outlines National Contest

One of the major projects of Delta Phi Delta is its national school publications contest which is being directed this year by H. Vincent Hinds of Epsilon Chapter at Lincoln University, Missouri.

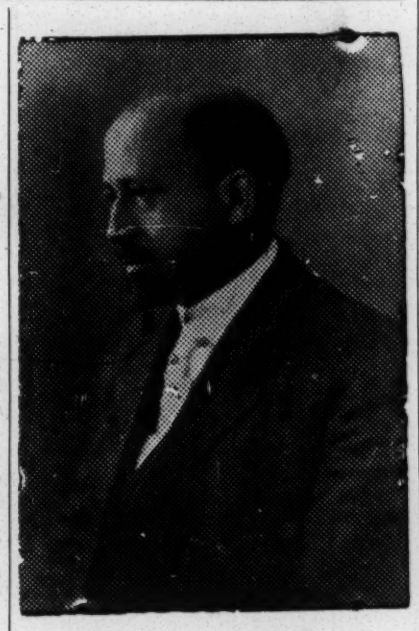
Limited to colleges publication this year, director Hinds has recently released to leading Negro Colleges and Universities, a letter introducing the contest to them with application blanks and an invitation to participate. Under the present plans the contest is being conducted on the merit system. A college may submit one or more publications a month. The publication judged most outstanding for the month with regards to appearance, general interest, application of good grammar and newspaper usage will be awarded the merit point of that month. The publication accumulating most merit points during the specified period November to April, will be declared the winner.

The committee of judges consists of the best journalists and printers in and around Jefferson City, Missouri.

To date the contest has been heated even its very early stages. Among other chapter projects Alpha Chapter has entered the *Spectator* in the contest.

Delta Chapter Presents R. E. Parks

Delta Chapter of Delta Phi Delta situated at Fisk University has inaugurated its program this year by presenting as its first speaker the eminent sociologist, Dr. R. E. Parks.



Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

XMAS CAROL CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 16

One of the most consistently followed features of the Christmas season around the University campuses is the Christmas Carol Concert which has been scheduled for December 16 in Sisters Chapel.

Year after year, the citizens of Atlanta have turned out for this program and they have never been disappointed by the offering of the music department which is in the charge of the afair. This y though it is hardly plausible that past performance may be eclipse the Carol Concert will be one of the major interests of the Christmas season.

Dr. S. H. Archer Leaves Campus

Having resigned his post as President of Morehouse College because of failing health, Dr. S. H. Archer who is now President-emeritus, vacated the palatial president's mansion on Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Archer has served Morehouse for better than thirty years in the capacity of teacher, dean and president. The Archer's are now residing on Ashby Street, W.

"He shall be missed for *his* seat shall be vacant."

Sociological Society Hears Noted Educator In Forum Discussion

By Bernard F. Robinson.

The Atlanta University Sociological Society inaugurated its program for the school year by presenting the eminent Dr. W. E. B. DuBois who conducted the discussion of the evening, "Anti-Semitism and Minority Groups."

After making it quite plain that the subject of discussion was too far reaching to be limited to a single evening, the speaker approached the subject from several angles which are namely: that of the American Negro, that of the North Western African, that of the South African, that of the German, that of the Russian, that of Europe in general, and that of the American.

It was pointed out by the scholar that the American Negro's attitude toward Jews tends to be very much the same as that of the American Whites—the Jew is a ruthless exploiter of consumers. The underlying cause for Negroes having this conception of Jews was spoken of as being of twofold. The first reason presented was that the Negro, to a great extent, imitates the American White man. The second reason being that since Negroes live to a large extent in the rural South, they are thrown in contact with the bargaining Jewish corner store, the high interest Jewish loan associations, and the hard boiled Jewish rent collector or landlord. Consequently, the Negro has a stereotyped conception of the Jew. That is to say, to many Negroes, the Jews are hard task masters who take every advantage of the under privileged low wage earner to squeeze from him any small sum of money that he may acquire.

In discussing the North Western African and the Jew, it was pointed out that the people of Western Africa hold an opinion of the Jew which is very similar to that of the American Negro.

The discussion of the present behavior of the German concerning the Jew was very brief. The speaker said that although the world is shocked at the German Anti-Semetic movement, it becomes difficult to discuss the matter intelligently because it is the most drastic movement directed against any minority group in the history of the world. In emphasizing particular point it was remarked that the persecution of the Jew in Germany today is far greater than any oppressions ever placed upon American Negroes.

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SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD APRIL 13-14-15

Official announcement has come from the office of the National President of Delta Phi Delta stating the Second Annual National Convention of Delta Phi Delta Journalistic Society will be held at Tennessee A. & I. State College, April 13, 14, 15.

The host chapter, Beta, is making elaborate plans for the meeting under the superb guidance of its president Miss Francis McGuire, who is also 1st Vice-President of the National body. Miss McGuire will be remembered for the very active

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REVOLVING STAFF

V. Trenton Tubbs, Jr., National President of Delta Phi Delta, will personally supervise each edition of the paper. All news should be submitted to him.

EDITORIAL

The young Negro writer who would set out to win the world with words is blessed surely. He is heir to beautiful traditions and the richest body of earth in the land of literature. He finds material full of vitality and drama, material whose substance has scarcely been touched. He has inherited relationship with one of the most dramatic and moving masses of raw material—the Negro people. He must become worthy of it.

If he is to write of these people and their trials here below, there are some duties which he must perform in order to make of his work substantial additions to literature. First of all, he must be well acquainted with his source. Our acquaintance with ourselves, ordinarily, is greatly superficial and often exceedingly slight. The historian must be beyond natural prejudices; above the forces which cause us to see ourselves as no one else does. Steadily must the young writer look upon his subject; steadily, sympathetically, and with a pure and very passion. This is the first duty.

His second duty is to the aged art of writing. He must learn the rules of writing, every one, if his work is to stand, unashamed, in the market places. We often complain that our fairer brothers have painted distorted pictures of us. We have cried, and with some reason, that these aliens have come in upon us and borne away the husk and not the fruit. They are but swimmers on the surface of the sea; we, the sure divers into its vast bosom. We have cried these things, yet, except by a few excellent examples, we have been unable to bett[illegible]nposters' doings. Perhaps it is because the fairer brothers know writing, while we are contented only in knowing the Negro. Beneath the simplest composition of merit is to be found the ancient and amazing law of technique. The young Negro penman must not only be concerned about the best that has been said and done in the acres of letters, but he must be keen on the artifice beneath the work of art—the skeleton firm beneath the house of flesh. Couple with these things the peculiarities of his own genius, and add a dash of the universal, and the black writer will stand so long as the ages do.

This is antique advice, but it is not older than the truth which lies behind the laws of good writing.

SPECTATOR JOURNALISM

This paper's being an experiment conducted by a group of students who admittedly know little about orthodox journalism, our readers may expect without alarm, the very "spice of life"—that is, *variety* in its fullest connotation. The format will undergo a series of changes with each subsequent edition; type faces will be varied to give readers an ever-changing visual aspect of our paper. The advertising department informs that it is planning an edition in which all the ads will be written in rime—thus, giving even the advertisements an added point of interest.

An entirely new innovation which will be one of the major features of the paper will be its "revolving staff". Devised to give each member of the chapter that is promoting the paper an opportunity for practical experience in its columns, the paper will also be open to persons interested in journalism at Clark, Morris Brown, Spelman and Atlanta University. By contacting the Editor and signifying your interest in taking a part in the publication of the paper from the first dummy to the "off the press" signal you may automatically become an active member of the staff.

Though not proposing to revolutionize the science and art of journalism, the Spectator expects to live up to its name: *the newest thing in newspapers.*

DELTA PHI DELTA TO NASHVILLE

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part she played in devising plans for the continuation of the organization at the time of the First Annual meeting held in Atlanta. It goes without saying that Beta Chapter will in all probability set a high for convention atmosphere in the ensuing meeting.

An array of the nation's most outstanding journalists will be in attendance at this meeting. Such special features as the awarding of prizes in the National School Publications Contest and the National Exhibit of Negro Newspapers will hold the spotlight. Alpha Chapter expects to be represented by at least ten delegates, along with such members of the National Advisory Council as have already signified their desire to attend the meeting.

The hue and cry of Delta Phi is on to Ayeni.

LEWIS O. SWINGLER WINS OMEGA AWARD FOR JOURNALISM

Of notable interest to the members of Delta Phi Delta is the fact that Lewis O. Swingler, editor of the Memphis World and member of the National Advisory Council was recently awarded the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity achievement award for 1938 for having distinguished himself commendably in the field of journalism.

Mr. Swingler has been very active in the affairs of Delta Phi Delta since its innovation, and it is with much delight that we pay our meager tribute to him for the great works that he has done in the field in which Delta Phi Delta dissipates its interests.

Delta Phi Delta salutes a member of the group and a member of the race who has put a practical aspect into theoretical knowledge.

Sociological Society Hears Noted Educator In Forum Discussion

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Treating Russia and Anti-Semetism very briefly, Dr. DuBois cited the ill treatment of the Jew during the Russian shift from a capitalistic position to that of the present.

In discussing the attitude of the European countries in general, Dr. DuBois brought out the significance of the spread of the German attitude toward the Jews throughout continental Europe. It was also cited that although some of the countries of Europe ,including England, have not been aggressive in the ill treatment of the Jew, they have as yet afforded no solution to the problem. These non-aggressive anti-Semitic countries have also failed to take a firm stand on the matter as it concerns the Jews in Germany at the present time.

It was intimated by the speaker that the Jews of America are probably getting better treatment than in any other part of the world. This, it was said, is in all probability due to the great influence that Jews have in the commercial and financial fields, the publishment of news, the production of moving pictures and the small numbers of Jews in this country.

After this informal discussion of the subject, the discussion was opened to all of those present. Although most of the questions raised by the group had to do more with the Anti-Semetic spirit and its effect and probable effect in the future upon the American Negro, all considered the evening one in which revelation had held sway. The meeting dissolved into a more or less informal atmosphere considering how it had begun, and the members of the newly organized organization departed carrying with them great enthusiasm and interest in their program for the year.

STUDENTS PETITION FOR CHANGE IN HOLIDAY PERIOD

It has been resounding around the University Library steps that a number of students are in the throes of something novel and something new in the way of exercising student initiative. This time it is not a matter of pleasing the faculty and parents with splendid marks, but a matter of making the Xmas holidays really holidays.

Information has come to this commentator to the effect that a number of persons have been discussing pro and con the matter of asking the administrators for a change in the holiday schedule that would allow the students of the system to be let out of school on Wednesday. Dec. 22 instead of Thursday the 23rd as the present schedule grants. The main point in favor of the move is to give the students who are going home an opportunity to be at home and with their parents on Xmas Eve.

No definite decision in the matter has been released as yet. but it might be of interest to note that quite some few faculty members are also in favor of the move.

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THE HUMAN SIDE By William Kilpatrick

Boys and girls, or should I be more polite and say young ladies and gentlemen of the Negro Colleges in the City of Atlanta. Whatever I should have said I will leave to your imagination.

This being the first issue of the Spectator, I wish to let this first issue of the column be dedicated to the freshmen especially, of all the schools. I want to let them know and realize that they are now being prepared to make themselves ready to enter the world which is possibly only four more years off and in some cases it may be less. Which, ever it is, I want to repeat to them what has so often been said before and that is to tell them that it is up to them to take what they get out of the classrooms and use it to the best of their ability, because if they don't get it when it is given the first time, it may be lost for life. I know that there are always some smart alecs around who say that they can always slip by, but just slipping by can be done for perhaps a very, very long time, but in the end ,it is really up to them to know exactly what they are doing in order to succeed.

I hope that you don't get the wrong impression of what I am trying to tell you. I am not trying to be a preacher and tell you that you should do something, but get in your rooms and study night and day, because I don't intend to do that myself. I am only trying to say that it is up to you to get the most that you can of your education because you can never tell what might happen to call you away from school tomorrow.

I believe that all the sports that the athletic department of the school has builds up the students both mentally and physically. However, in trying to win, there are times when some players desire to use foul methods. In this person, I can see no good because he does not think about the honor and good standing of the shool, much less his own honor in the eyes of the other people. All of this you have probably heard before, but I am hoping that you will see more clearly how much truth there is in these facts.

Now that I have gotten that off of my chest and my sincerest wishes to the best success of the different colleges, I would like to tell you a little about the column that will be written by "yours truly" with the help of all the students in all the schools.

I want to have a column that will be read by every student in Morehouse, Spelman, Morris Brown, Atlanta University, Clark and the Gammon Theological Institute and all those persons in the city who read the Spectator, every time an issue is published. In doing this, it is necessary to know the thoughts and the interest of the students. I am therefore asking you to submit to me, in care of the Spectator, any questions, ideas and topics that you believe will give and create an interest in all of these colleges. This is a column by which the students will be able to express their thoughts and ideas ,and if possibly there are any faults, suggest ways for improvements because we all know that it is impossible for one to always be right.

Well, my readers, as you know there must always be an end to everything. The end has come for the first edition of this little space that I have taken up, so I will say au revoir until we meet again.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM (ROSIE)
KILPATRICK.

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Phi Dhi Alpha Tops Hellions

Intramural sports hit a new high in laugh provocation Saturday when Phi Dhi overwhelmed the Hellions in a 19-6 slugfest. Touchdowns were registered by Carr for the Hellions on a 70 yard run from kick-off, Rutland (2) on off-tackle bucks and Brownlee on line plunges.

Orthodox football performances were turned in by Gilbert, Miller and Gervin for the Hellions and Tubbs, Borders and Collier for Phi Dhi.

Lineup:

Phi Dhi Alpho		Hellions
Brownlee	End	Gervin
Tubbs	Center	Kilpatrick
Collier	End	Miller
Rutland	Back	Carr
Brown	Gack	Gilbert
Borders	Back	Seals
Purnell	Subs	Funderburg

SPECTATOR'S UNIQUE SERVICE

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Of special interest to advertisers is the advantage received through the constant repetition of "plugs" on their establishments. This service not only gave the patron of the paper the advantage of a well written ad in the pages of the paper, but added the value of more advertising to persons who may or may not be constant readers of the sheet.

Advertising accounts with the Spectator are being handled by Cuthbert Melvin Patrick who is known all over Atlanta as one of the best advertising agents in this section. Working with Patrick is a corps of workers who are guaranteeing their advertisers the best school advertising service to be had at such low cost.

Delta Phi Delta Boasts Five Chapters In First Year

Organized to stimulate among Negro college men and women an interest in the science and art of journalism, Delta Phi Delta has grown to include five chapters spread strategically along the east coast and reaching into the State of Missouri. The organization bids fair to becoming one of the leading organizations of its kind in the country.

The Society boasts of Alpha Chapter at Morehouse, Delta at Tennessee State, Gamma at Johnson C. Smith, Delta at Fisk, and Epsilon at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri. These chapters are uniting in bonds of good fellowship the students engaged in collegiate journalism or proposing to engage in the profession of journalism.

SENIOR-FACULTY DANCE IN THE MAKING

With the date already set as December 17, the Senior students of Spelman and Morehouse are looking forward to the annual Senior-Faculty Dance of the year.

Although the place of the sophisticated rug-cutting has not as yet been decided, it is probable that it will find reality in either Morgan Hall ,Spelman or the Atlanta University Dormitory. Dame Rumor has it that Hugh Grant will furnish the "slip horns" and "skins" for the "jitterbugs."

FRATS-SORORITIES-CLUBS

Greekdom at Clark University appears to have gotten started in full sway this school year. All the Greek letter organizations have to date given praiseworthy entertainments for the new students. Outstanding among these events was the A K A "Nite in Monte Carlo" which was enjoyed and heralded as one of the most unique affairs unveiled at Clark in quite some time.

The fraternities took an active part in the Clark University Homecoming program by electing and presenting on the occasion their respective "Ladies." With Miss Charlotte Pointer who is a member of the Ivy Leaf Club holding the top spot as "Miss Clark University," Miss Ella Jackson who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta served as "Miss Omega," Miss Mary Williams who is Basileus of A K A served as "Miss Alpha" Miss Jean Pettigrew served as "Miss Sigma."

All the Greek letter organizations at Clark are looking forward to a prosperous and educational program for the year.

PHI DHI ALPHA SOCIETY

The youthfulness of Phi Dhi Alpha has been one of its greatest assets. Organized hardly a year ago, the society has grown to hold one of the most unique positions in campus activities. Originally, the expression. "Phi Dhi," was the greeting of three friends whose association had proved so wholesome that they determined to merge their friendships into an organization without any of the fan-fare of the other campus organizations. Within three weeks several persons had expressed their desire to become affiliated and formal organization was inevitable. Phi Dhi Alpha, although its founders never dreamed of expansion, now has chapters at Tuskegee and Florida A. & M.

Believing that *simplicity*, of all things is hardest to be copied, the organization prides itself upon its true individuality. Holding no thought that its members hold sacred and ineffiable, the present body is a tribute to its founders.

The Phi Dhi Alpha Society has paraded its glory on the field of sports, in music halls, in newspaper columns. and in constructive enterprise. Boasting a roster of thirty members, Phi Dhi Alpha marches on!

PI CHAPTER—KAPPA ALPHA PSI

It is with delight that I say the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is doing wonderful things this year. The year was iniated with the usual Smoker and Bull-sessions so characteristic of Kappa. The Annual Rush Dance at the Parish House was the most tangible display of Kappa spirit seen in years.

The Annual Thanksgiving Program was rendered in Morehouse Chapel on Nov. 23. with V. T. Tubbs as master of ceremonies. The Thanksgiving poem was read by Walter Echols and the principal address delivered by T. M. Shadowens. Polemarch. A unique feature of the program for this year was the presentation of a large box of food stuffs that had been collected by the brothers from various neighboring stores to Mrs. J. B. Stewart, hostess. These foods were distributed in the community to the less fortunates. A collection was taken from the student body amounting to $7.85 which was also used in alleviating some of the suffering in the college vicinity.

Pi Chapter offers its hearty support to the *Spectator*, and until later, bids you farewell. Keep your eyes on Kappa.

LORENZA QUICK, Reporter.

ZETA PHI BETA

Psi Beta and Epsilon Zeta are busily engaged in making preparations for the Annual Grand Boule of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority which will begin on December 27 in Atlanta.

Soror Lillian P. Carter has a host of committees working on the social affair which will be held at intervals throughout the meeting. The Boule this year is expected to overshadow all other events of the Yuletide Season in Atlanta. Hundreds of out-of-town sorors are expected to be present and the local chapter is doing its best to see that the visitors will be well entertained.

DELTA SIGMA THETA

As a representative from Iota Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority ,the comely Miss Laura Duffy was sent to the Southern Conference of the sorority which met at South Carolina State College, Friday and Saturday, November 25, 26.

Mrs. Sue Morris, regionaal director, led the conference in a very active manner. The theme of the conference was "To find a way or make one achievement is man's distinctive mark of progress." The discussions proved more than interesting to all who were present.

Misses Sarah and Ruth Perry of Atlanta also attended the conference.

To bring the affair to its peak the Delta Banquet and dance was held in the college gymnasium climaxing the conference activities.

Miss Helen E. Work, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected regional director for the coming year.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

The undergraduate chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will start the holidays with a bang presenting to Atlanta fun lovers their Xmas Dance on December 22. Alpha Rho and Alpha Phi chapters of Morehouse and Clark respectively are the chapters behind this gala affair.

The affair is expected to excell all of the Yuletide Season affairs and preparations are being made to entertain approximately five hundred persons. The dance will be held at the Top Hat from ten until two a. m.

Along with the members of the undergraduate chapters, the members of Eta Lambda chapter will also be present.

All Alpha men who are not connected with a chapter have been asked to contact Mr. William Nix at Morehouse in order to secure invitations.

N. S. F. A. PRESIDENT HEARD IN INFORMAL TALK AT MOREHOUSE

Sunday, November 22, Miss Mary J. McKay, president of the National Student Federation of America, informally addressed a group of students at Morehouse College. Miss McKay was scheduled to have appeared on the preceding Thursday at the general assembly; however, due to unforeseen difficulties, she was unable to appear. She made known her great desire to speak to at least a part of the students of Morehouse and the informal meeting was called Sunday morning.

Miss McKay was visiting Atlanta as the guest of Agnes Scott College. Having just lest Birmingham, Ala., where she attended the Southern Conference on Human Welfare, she proposed to talk mainly of the work of the Conference and to answer questions concerning the structure and program of N. S. F. A. Due to the fact that the resolutions passed at the S. C. H. W. have not been condensed and sent to the delegates, Miss McKay stated that she would have to rely mainly upon her memory to give a partial account of the events.

She first stated that in the eyes of all attending the conference, it was an overwhelming success. The issue to which most attention was paid was the lack of equal educational opportunities for the Negroes and whites in the south. Resolutions were passed that the Conference go on record as being opposed to this situation. Miss McKay stated that the student group agreed that the first step in achieving equal educational opportunities would be to discover some outlets for the educational genius which originates in the south but inevitably finds its way to other sections of the country. The speaker also stated that the study of this problem was an integral part of the work of N. S. F. A.

The conference adiourned to convene in 1939 probably in Atlanta while the Annual Meeting of N. S. F. A. will be held at Purdue University during the Christmas holidays.

THE TATLER

And so begins the ramblings of a rattle-brain to give you the runnings round of the roister-doisters of the red hill and other parts of interest. With no malice aforethought, our intention shall be "good, clean, wholesome fun" without injury to person, persons or reputation .... so hear and now, we begin to give forth:

Is it a fact that it is news that Cuthbert Patrick is president of the Lambs Clubs by virtue of his taking it on the chin from the winsome lady from the Lone Star State and coming back for more and more and more, for far into the nite? .... Is Dame Rumor on the up and up when she informs that Beckett is putting up the Battle of his life over at ASSW and that Tim Shadowens has also been seen Pradding around the same vicinity. . . . Has someone got us out on the limb when they tell us that T. Crowell is really Hutchin-some? .... or would they be giving us the real low down when they say Rutland takes time out fromhis game of Marbles to peep into Aderhold???? .... We begin to wonder for sure, when people begin to whisper about Brer Johnson doing some tall Price-ing one day and then Weeden the next .... who said dat? .... we mean who said Raymond Davis is singing Nevermore cause he's found Lenore; we have no objections but we want the real low down, 'cause somebody has been using the grapevine system to spread it around that E. Roux has stopped Stokes-ing so he can devote more time to his prize pet, Kitty .... or couldn't that be plainly seen ....

Some sap has yelled all the way across the town that Larry Douglas is about to go plain nuts over E. Norwood, while Sad Sam seeks to prove to the Morris Brown damsels that Lochinvar was TNT (Truly No Trouble) .... its being passed round that the charm-sisters still hold forth among the "pillars of steel" and Ruth Toomer-Williams, in spite of marital ties, remains at the top of the list .... little Daisy Dunn plays a swell game of leap--frog so we hear .... leaping from Rooker to Kemp and vicea versa .... while Pauline Blackshear remains foot-free and fancy-loose, her pal, Jeffry Williams takes stock in one of Morehouse's bad boys, the stuttering, fumbling Vollie Frosh ....

Out in South Atlanta, the boys and gals are no more immune to mess-ups than the other masses of human beings, and it is being said on every hand that "Stepin Fetchit" has been giving the very nicest kind of candies to the petite C. Stanton .... "Hams" Boswell proves that both crooning and preaching have their merits and capitalizes on the former with the fairer sex .... It has always been said that absence makes the heart grow fonder, and so it is when P. Y. Gray from the Red Hill takes a tiny little day off, Wainwright takes care of his strolling with J. Pettigrew for him .... As we close our eyes on the school among the trees we can't help but see that Weaks is overboard for Zephra, and Bannerville takes to piloting Eloise as well as the team, or that Jack Perrin has shoe-stringed Mary .... more power to you, Clarkites!

Back on the red hill, "Nite-Life" Thompson from Birmingham seems to have dropped anchor with a certain ASSW stude .... Flash! someone was heard warning the erstwhile Ed of the *Tiger* to beware of his inimitable Managing Ed since he politely lifted him from one place, he might try it again ... Whew! such crust! .... Is it a fact that the debonair Miss Mallory has become a home-loving girl under the tutelage of the "Snake"????? Can't be, 'cause he no longer squirms; his venom has been neutralized by a lady from N. Carylinny. ... what in the world seems to have nipped the Johnson-Caldwell clique in the bud .... who said, "Berlack tried, but Bryant denied"? .... We actually hope it ain't the same old malady, but who can say what caused Purnell to nix out from dainty little Miss C.

We'll take a beer on the house for that one.

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Sports In Review

By JOHN D. LEWIS

Day by day, season by season, year by year, moves the never ending march of father time and in his existence comes and goes the college athlete of the gridiron pleasantly anticipating, participating in, and remembering his athletic career.

As it is with all college athletes so it is with the Negro boys of the Southern Conference, who after opening a season of football in the early days of September suddenly find it fading gradually behind ,only to remain as a memory. To these athletes; the hats of the spectators are off to you because of an ever to be remembered display of sportsmanship and fight for your respective Alma Maters. Many of you gave your best for the purpose of seeing the colors of your school fly high, and will never again be able to wear the togs of the gridiron. You athletes take with you, however, the satisfaction of having done a helpful bit for your school, also memories of football days that will never die.

As these many athletes regretfully leave their dearly loved schools they leave behind them, to be worn, the old togs, clogged with dirt and dust and the colors of their schools to be forever cherished and carried aloft.

The eager hands of the fellows behind accept the inheritance and the challenge your swan song boys have given them, and pledge to forever carry aloft your colors; to also, put on the football duds that you once wore and in years to come to take your place in the march of the gridiron with unfaltering steps.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT MOREHOUSE

The Morehouse boys seem to be showing a profound interest in the intramural sports this year. Preparations are being made to further these interests. Six man football has taken hold on the campus and has proven itself to be a very interesting game. There will be other sports such as basketball, ping-pong and track, etc., to come later.

The Intramural sports play a definite part in the physical education program of any school, made in order to give the individual who lacks sufficient time and skill and opportunity to reap the benefits of active competition. It is a step toward giving the less talented student a chance toward a well-rounded education, so, come on boys! let's all take part.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEETING HELD AT MOREHOUSE

Morehouse was the scene of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The meeting was held on December 9th and 10th, and proved to be quite an occasion because of the celebrating of the twenty-fifth year of the conference's existence. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was organized at Morehouse College, December 30, 1913.

The opening session of the Conference was held in Sale Hall Chapel, at 9 a. m., Friday morning. Mr. F. C. Gossett was master of ceremonies, and the principal speaker was Dr. St. Elmo Brady, President of the Southern Conference.

In the afternoon session the football schedules for 1939 and the site for the Conference Basketball Tournament were the main topics of discussion.

Friday evening a Banquet at Atlanta University Dining Hall was given for the many representatives who attended the conference. Later in the evening an entertainment was given at the Top Hat Club.

The chief discussions in the meeting Saturday were: The arrangement of the Basketball schedule and the consideration of the new rules of the coming season.

THE SUCCESSFUL WOLVERINES

If any praise is to be handed out, the boys of the Morris Brown aggregation are due their share. Going through the season with only two losses and ending in second place in the Southern Conference is a record to be envied by all. The Wolverines represent one of the most powerful teams in organized Negro football. Some of Morris Brown's outstanding players for the past season are as follows: Captain "Brute" Powell, Rooker, Bussey, Jingles and Pope. The most recent defeat of the Wolverines by the Staters from Virginia should cast no reflection on the ability of the team to play a swell brand of football, they fought the most brilliant defensive and most exciting offensive game seen in Atlanta in many moons.

BASKETBALL

Riding on the wings of King Winter comes the season for the boys of the hardwood to exhibit their wares. The basketball boys of Morehouse have gone diligently to work down in the old red barn. Coach Forbes is very busy trying to prepare material to replace the losses of last season. Such men as former Captain Page, Felix Harris, and "Bo" Clark are not to be found everyday; so its up to the coach to obtain the like of them out of the fresh material that he has; and take it for what its worth, he'll find a way of making the boys "give."

Back with the Tigers this year are such stellar players as Junie Cobb, George Coffee, Ike Blocker, George Mitchell, Earl Smith and Walter Echols. Other promising material is found in, Joe Allen, Tim Shadowen and a crop of new freshmen who are led off by Leon Harris, Steele, Wilcox, Oscar Johnson, Rutland and Schwartz. Here's wishing them a successful season.

Down on Atlanta's southside the Panthers of Clark are going through the necessary preliminaries in an effort to replace such men as Joe Johnson, Wainwright and others. They show possibilities of a good team in such men as: A. Anderson, W. Pemberton, C. Younger, Watson, Petters and Weekes. It shouldn't be a very big surprise to find the Clark Panthers overcoming their heavy losses and really going places.

It is rumored back and forth that the Wolverines are waiting for a decision concerning the Peach Bowl Classic, before they fall in stride with the rest of the basketball world. They seem to have a bit of new material that is rearing to get on the move.

To satisfy a certain sense of curiosity this writer took it upon himself to find out who were the possible All-Southern football athletes in the eyes of the students of all the institutions in Atlanta. This is what he obtained:

Morris Brown
Braxton's All-Southern

Ends — Roberts, Bama State; Rooker, Morris Brown.
Tackles—Mathews, Morehouse; Powell, Morris Brown.
Guards—Nolley, Florida; Cliff Brown, Morris Brown.
Center—Lockett, Morehouse.
Quarterback—Battle, Florida.
Halfbacks—Tom Jones, Florida; Washington, Morehouse.
Fullback—Wilkins, Bama State.

Delta Chapter Plans James Weldon Johnson Memorial Exercises

Mr. William Baxter Collier, president of Delta Chapter, at Fisk University has the members of the chapter busily engaged in plans for the observance of the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Exercises to be conducted in the chapel of the school at an early date.

Delta Chapter has been active this year in presenting to the students of Fisk a number of the city's outstanding journalists and some of the institutions outstanding educators in forum discussions of the problems of the race, nation and the school.

In accordance with a release of the office of the National President, V. Trenton Tubbs, Jr., Delta Chapter will be one of the first to observe local Memorial Exercises and will be prepared to take part in the national observance of a later date.

A WORTHY IDEA

We cannot regard the high ideals set forth by the Delta Phi Delta Fraternity without being moved to applause

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[ELMER ADLER]

17-24-28

December 4, 1939

My dear Sir:

Atlanta University, which as perhaps you know, is one of the oldest Negro institutions in the South was in 1929 affiliated with several other institutions. The University now does simply graduate work for the master of arts degree and the affiliated institutions including a college for men, a college for women and a school of social work.

Beginning in 1940, Atlanta University is going to publish a review of race and culture of which I have been designated as editor-in-chief. It will be a small publication of one hundred or one hundred fifty pages issued quarterly but as I hope of high standard on good paper. I am particularly anxious to have a cover page which will be striking and distinguished. The main title will be PHYLON (from the Greek word meaning race) and the sub-title "The Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture. I know that you do book designing and I am writing to ask if in any way we could get your services or advice as to a title page. Of course the difficulty is that we have very little money. The University has appropriated two thousand dollars for our publication expenses for the year which will hardly cover the cost. We will get a little something from subscriptions and advertisements but not very much. The editors serve without compensation. May I venture to ask on what terms, under these conditions, you could afford to help us? Your name was given by our mutual friend, Mr. Arthur Spingarn.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Elmer Adler
239 West 43rd Street
New York City

17-24-29

PYNSON PRINTERS *Incorporated*
229 West Forty-Third Street
NEW YORK

6 December 1939

Dear Mr.DuBois:

It will give me much pleasure to help you work out your problems for a quarterly. And I shall make every possible concession to enable you to use my services.

What I should like you to do is to figure out how much you can appropriate for a cover design and then I will attempt to fit into the work.

Your letter in one place states a cover page and in another the title page. So I do not know whether you mean to combine these two,or whether you have in mind both a plan for a cover and for a title,or a table of contents page.

Also,I should like to learn the size publication that you have in mind and whether or not you have determined where it is to be printed. For the selection of the type which you will use for the printing of the body will very much influence the cover. Furthermore,do you plan to have your quarterly sewn or wire-stitched? Will it be printed in two forms, or with cover and sewn? The answer to this last question will determine whether your binding will have a square back or not. If you have any idea as to how many copies you are likely to print of each issue,this will give me a better idea of how far you want your original appropriation to spread,although,doubtlessly,you expect to get some revenue from subscriptions and advertisements as you state.

I should be very happy indeed if I could help you get properly started and if I can continue my assistance by advising the person who will be responsible for your production,that would be a very happy solution.

17-24-35

Perhaps you do not remember having met me some years ago in Rochester when you visited my cousin,Isaac Adler.

I look forward to hearing from you further and again assuring you of my interest in your project,I am

Cordially yours,

Elmer Adler

Elmer Adler

W.E.B.Du Bois,Esq.
Atlanta University
Atlanta

17-24-31

December 15, 1939

My dear Mr. Adler:

I have your kind letter of December sixth. What we need is first a design for a cover page; next a design for a title page and finally suggestions for the general dress of the magazine.

I am enclosing a dummy of the first few pages and the kind of paper we have in mind. I want especially to have this magazine simple in appearance but beautiful and in excellent taste. On the other hand, with a total budget of two thousand one hundred dollars for the year's work, I am at a loss to make you any adequate return for your help and cooperation. Could you possibly consider something such as this: that you would give us the desired advice and help and would wait for your compensation until say April 1, 1940 and at that time you would make a charge as low as you could reasonably afford to do? Under such conditions I should be very glad indeed to have your advice.

Of course we are pressed for time. Our first number must appear not later than January twentieth and if possible January fifteenth which means that the actual typesetting would have to take place between the first and tenth of January if not earlier.

I shall be in New York from December twenty-fourth to thirtieth resident at the YMCA, 180 West 135th Street. I will call you up and make an appointment to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Elmer Adler
Pynson Printers Incorporated
229 West Forty-third Street
New York City

17-24-32

December 15, 1939

Memo for Mr. Adler:

This is a rough dummy of the first seven pages. The first and second cover pages are the title page and a Greek quotation and English translation on the second cover page. Of course the color and texture of the cover are yet to be decided upon. I had thought of a black background and white letters, having some reference to extreme race differences; or a gray background and crimson letters. Crimson and gray are the colors of Atlanta University. But I have no particular choice. Seventy pound Chester vellum has been suggested for the stock.

The first page of the text would be the title page. This is a bit crowded and I do not like to overload it with the academic degrees; but I feel this is necessary for the information of the heathen. Pages one and two (and perhaps for economy three and four) would be on glazed paper, because on page two we wish to have a frontispiece, a half tone of fine screen, about seven by five inches. It has been suggested that for this purpose we use 70 pound New England gloss or 70 pound enamel.

The rest of the magazine would be printed on some paper like 60 pound antique or 70 pound eggshell or perhaps you would have other suggestions.

I have indicated the succeeding pages and their contents. The size of the printed page will be seven by ten inches and it probably will be printed by the Walter W. Brown Publishing Company in Atlanta. It will be wire-stitched, with a cover pasted on, so that it will have a square back. We will begin with an edition of one thousand copies. There will be some revenue from subscriptions but very little from advertisements.

Mr. Elmer Adler
229 West Forty-third Street
New York City

Dec 26

17-24-33

PYNSON PRINTERS *Incorporated*
229 West Forty-Third Street
NEW YORK

18 December 1939

Dear Mr. DuBois,

Thank you for your letter of December 15th, with its enclosures. This letter gives me quite a bit of the information that I wanted to have, and with this information I will be able to make a number of suggestions. What I should like to learn further is whether or not the Phylon is to be set by linotype or monotype, and what types of matrices the Walter W. Brown Publishing Company has in its possession. Perhaps you will have the Press write directly to me with this information and then I will learn just how much cooperation they are equipped to give in working out the problems.

I am most anxious to make a definite contribution to your project and assure you that I shall do everything I possibly can to help. Unfortunately I am not in a position to donate my time without some professional charge, but suggest now that if a fee of $50.00 can be met by your budget this amount will be agreeable to me. If it is necessary to supply any design or plates, these will be billed at cost.

I hope that you will be in New York next week, and I shall be very glad to meet with you at any convenient time. I do not expect to be away over the Christmas holidays, so if you want to save time by communicating with me at my residence you need not hesitate. Meanwhile I shall get busy on your problems, and look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Elmer Adler

Elmer Adler

W.E. DuBois, Esq.
Atlanta University

17-24-34

December 21, 1939

My dear Mr. Adler:

Your fee of fifty dollars is satisfactory if, as I have said before, you will allow us to pay it about April first.

The W. W. Brown Publishing Company uses the linotype for typesetting. It has on hands matrices for the following type styles: Bodoni, Bookum, Casolin and Cheltenham. It has others beside these and has access to practically all current styles and can easily secure them.

I shall try to get in touch with you Tuesday, December twenty-sixth, and make an appointment for sometime during the week.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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January 27, 1939

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

17-34-16

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Would you be available for a Brotherhood program in Benton Harbor, Michigan, on February 19 and 20? This program is being sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and they have a very small budget to cover their week's arrangements. They are very much interested in devoting one evening to an interdenominational program and they are hoping to have a Negro speaker with a Catholic and Jewish speaker. I doubt that they would be able to allow more than $75 for the engagement.

Will you let me know as soon as possible whether you would be interested in going to Benton Harbor?

I hope that you will have time to come in to see me when you are in Chicago.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

CHARLOTTE SANDER
Secretary

CS:GA

January 31, 1939

17-34-17

My dear Madam:

I am afraid it will not be possible for me to go to Benton Harbor. I speak in Detroit, February nineteenth at four p. m. and in Chicago, February twentieth at eight p. m. I am free February eighteenth but February twenty-first, must be in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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November 9, 1939

12-33-148

Dr. W. E. Bu DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Thanksgiving weekend in Alabama here at State Teachers College which begins for Alabama on Thursday, November 30, will again feature not only the Tuskegee-Alabama State football game, but the now-annual state-wide conferences of Girl Reserves and Hi-Y Boys. We shall have a number of faculty representatives here. It is now the policy of our institution to offer some type of lyceum or lecture contribution on the Friday after Thanksgiving that will be open to the visiting students and teachers, as well as to our own student body.

Incident to the conference theme this year "The Challenges of Democracy for Youth" we are interested in the possibility of your making a lecture contribution to a general audience on Friday evening, December 1. This contribution can easily be both historical and comparative as you note the distinguishing and characterizing phases of the democratic way of life to which some of our nations seem to be aspiring with almost futility. I shall appreciate being advised as to your possible availability for a contribution here that Friday night.

Yours very truly,

H. Councill Trenholm

HCT:S

H. Councill Trenholm

November 13, 1939

17-33-149

My dear Mr. Trenholm:

I should be glad to speak at the State Teachers College Friday, December first. My charge would be fifty dollars and board. I would pay my own expenses of travel. I would be glad to talk on democracy.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
State Teachers College
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November 14, 1939

17-33-150

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am in receipt of your letter. We shall be pleased to anticipate your services here on Friday night, December 1 for the consideration of $50.00 and board. We shall pass on to you additional information later respecting our further plans.

Yours very truly,

H. Councill Trenholm

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December 1, 1939

17-33-134

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
c/o Mr. J. T. Brooks
State Teachers College
Montgomery

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Please find enclosed the honorarium incident to your lecture services to us tonight. Permit us again to thank you for your gracious cooperation in coming to us at this time and in sharing with us the Thanksgiving weekend.

Yours very truly,

H. Councill Trenholm

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(b) SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD
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The Occasion

Presentation of Speaker

THE MESSAGE

Male Glee Club (a) MY LORD'S WRITING
(b) CHILLY WATER
(Negro Spirituals--Traditional)

Receiving the A.B. degree from FISK UNIVERSITY in 1888, and the A.B. degree from HOWARD UNIVERSITY in 1890, the A.M. degree in 1891, and the Ph.D. degree in 1895, Dr. DuBois early made his mark in the field of achieved academic scholarship from two reputable institutions.

He began his professional career as a faculty member of the old ATLANTA UNIVERSITY where he initiated several studies of Negro life which are still most valuable as reference source material on that early period. He became editor of the CRISIS and director of publications for the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE and led that militant organization for two decades. He has now returned to the new ATLANTA UNIVERSITY where he can contribute his scholarship and experience to the graduate program projected there.

His scholarly writings comprise an impressive list, with such titles as: THE SUPPRESSION OF THE SLAVE TRADE; THE PHILADELPHIA NEGRO; THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK; QUEST OF THE SILVER FLEECE; THE NEGRO; DARK WATER; and BLACK RECONSTRUCTION.

324 Livingston Hall
Columbia University
December 13, 1939

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-19-39

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Since I'm specialising in economic history here at Columbia, I'm engaged, among other things, in taking a seminar course in the econom c history of the United States from 1820-1865 with Mr. Louis Hacker.

In the process of this seminar each member has to make a report on some phase of the economic life of the period. The first term has covered the first forty years of this era, and we are to devote the whole second term to a study of the economics of the Civil War.

For my paper for the second term, I should very much like to write on a subject suggested by your book "Black Reconstruction", that is, on the economic value of the Negro to the North in winning the war. You suggest in your book that some hundreds of thousands of slaves "struck" so to speak and went over to the Union army to help both in the Army itself, and as workers for the Union forces.

I am writing you to ask you if you would be kind enough to suggest to me some sources of information on this subject, which I can tap without going to Washington or Atlanta or some place. It will, naturally, be necessary that I confine my activities to New York City and vicinity. I certainly will appreciate any help you can give me in this.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Alexander

December 15, 1939

17-19-40

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of December 13, one of the main lines of expenditure and difficulty that faces any invading army is the matter of labor in camps and fortifications, of transporting food and supplies and providing an intelligence service. In the case of the armies of the United States invading the South during the Civil War all of this work was done by Negro slaves who ran away from the plantations. The proportion of those who ran away was small as compared with the main body of slaves but it increased rapidly as the armies penetrated the plantation districts as for instance when they seized the Mississippi Valley. This is all perfectly well-known but has been minimized and misinterpreted in two ways: first, the South has emphasized the fact that most of the slaves remained on the plantations. They did because they had no where to go until the Union armies came in the neighborhood then they fled tumultuously to those armies so that the Union armies had all of the labor that they could use and more.* Not only that the slaves furnished a continual stream of information as to the Confederate armies and finally they furnished two hundred thousand soldiers bearing arms who has Abraham Lincoln said were indispensable to the winning of the war.

** Perhaps 25%

* Secondly, the Union army emphasized relief and minimized the labor contribution.

The best references for these facts are the following books:

John Eaton, GRANT, LINCOLN AND THE FREEDMEN
P. S. Pierce, THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU
Herman Schluter, LINCOLN, LABOR AND SLAVERY
Charles Wesley, NEGRO LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES
Testimony taken by the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Condition of Affairs in the late Insurrectionary States, (Ku Klux Conspiracy,) Washington, 1872, thirteen volumes
Brown, FOUR YEARS IN SECESSIA

All of these books I think you can find in the New York Public Library.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Bob Alexander
324 Livingston Hall
Columbia University

[Alexander, Lillian]

17-27-15

April 4, 1939

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I am dropping in town Monday, April tenth. If you are expecting to have a good dinner I will help you eat it. I shall stop at the YMCA.

My best regards to you and the Doctor.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Ernest R. Alexander
234 West 139th Street
New York City

17-27-16

8th April 1939

234 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Du Bois

Ernest & I will eat one slice of bread less and I shall add a cup of water to the potato soup Monday! (for company).

And shall be happy to have you at 6 P.M.

Sincerely Yours,

Lillian Alexander

P. S. Joel Spingarn is dying!

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L.A.A.

17-27-12

April 17, 1939

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your kind hospitality while I was in New York. The food wasn't much but the intellectual feast quite satisfying. I have written Mr. Elzy. If you hear of any satisfactory place, write me.

Mrs. Du Bois joins me in best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Lillian A. Alexander
234 West 139th Street
New York City

January 4, 1939

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I want to thank you again for your trouble in buying the watch. It is very beautiful and Mrs. Du Bois likes it. I received also the check for the refund which makes the cost very reasonable.

I am considering a house investment and wrote some details to Virginia asking her to consult you and get your wisdom on the matter. I hope you will find time to give me some advice.

Happy New Year to you and your family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sadie T. Alexander
1900 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

12-14-2

17-26-19

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 24, 1939

My dear Virginia:

A letter from Mrs. Francoise Bell, State Youth Administrator, written August 16 has just reached me by way of Atlanta. I am hastening to send this morning a strong recommendation and hope to be in time.

I was down in Baltimore last Thursday and Friday planning a new house which we are going to build in Morgan Park if I can get FHA insurance which I have applied for. I have already bought and paid for the lot. The whole family seems to be pleased with the plan. Mrs. Du Bois and the little girl will stay in New York next winter. The little girl will board in at Mildred Johnson's school and Mrs. Du Bois stay at the Y and see her once a week or so. I think this will give Mrs. Du Bois a real rest and Du Bois will get better training than she was getting at Atlanta. We were not satisfied with the work there.

I hope you are well and standing this heat. I must say it has about bowled me over but I keep up the gestures of work.

With best regards from all

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Virginia M. Alexander
341 Bryant Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

17-26-20

September 18, 1939

My dear Virginia:

I had a very nice trip to Atlanta. I loafed along slowly and stayed at Warrenton with a physician. The next day I went up to Front Royal and did the beautiful one hundred mile drive along the crest of the Shenandoahs. Thursday I stopped with Anne Spencer. She asked after you. The home was very cozy. Friday I drove three hundred miles to Asheville and then Saturday got into Atlanta at five o'clock. The rooms were all newly decorated and I am going to enjoy the quiet and seclusion. I hope your local difficulties have been straightened out and the authorities been told clearly your position. I thought you are looking very well and I am delighted that you have that fine car. I know how much it means not only for your work but for your pleasure. I shall be glad to hear from Ossie Adams if she passes through.

Yours with love,

Dr. Virginia Alexander
Box 94
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

17-26-21

October 17, 1939

My dear Virginia:

I have your letter of October fifth. I am a little puzzled as to just how the matter came out at Howard but I suppose that if conditions are workable it is best to grin and bear it. Of course one must remember that no student health service even under the best practical conditions is apt to be good. So much more ought to be done than even the best institutions can afford. The health service here is ridiculous but something is done. You did not say anything about the thesis. Remember that is your chief reason for being just now and I hope to hear about it.

I have been going a little easy this fall on account of brain fag which recurs if I try my old hours of work. Of course it simply means that I cannot expect to work as continuously as I used to. A nap after lunch which used to be permissable is now taken every day. I hope Sadie is better. Greet her for me. Of course you have heard of the serious illness of Dr. Louis Wright. It is a case of gas and lungs. Also you know that Owen Waller is dead.

I hope you are feeling well and enjoying that beautiful car in these lovely fall days.

Yours with love,

Dr. Virginia M. Alexander
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

2193 E 89th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.
May 9, 1939.

Mr. E. L. Diggs,
Atlanta University.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Diggs:-

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Enclosed please find fifty cents in stamps for which please send me Samuel Allen's auto-graphed and numbered copy of Dr Du-Bois' Commencement address. "St Orgne the Damned".

Samuel is away, but I will forward it to him.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. A. J. Allen.

[Amer. Assn. of Univ. Profs.]
[1939?]

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE A.A.U.P.

(Dr. Coulborn reports as follows on the annual meeting at Chicago:)

Your delegate had an interview with Mr. Ralph Himstead on the afternoon of December 30th in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on the subject of places of future annual meetings of the A.A.U.P. Mr. Himstead informed him that the motion of the Council under which the Stevens Hotel was selected for the 1940 meeting also covered all future annual meetings of the A.A.U.P. and laid down that no meeting in the future should take place in any hotel in which there was any discrimination against Negro members. The full wording of that motion was not published in the Bulletin of the A.A.U.P. lest publication should stir up any controversy among southern white members of the A.A.U.P. Mr. Himstead also pointed out that no parliamentary body, such as the Council of the A.A.U.P., can, by any action, bind its successors for the future; that there therefore exists the remote possibility that the Council at some future meeting might reverse or amend the motion in question. Both Mr. Himstead and your delegate regarded this possibility as purely academic.

Your delegate suggested to Mr. Himstead that the secretary of the Atlanta University Chapter might write to Mr. Himstead to ask for an official communication of the full terms of the motion of the Council covering future places of meetings, and Mr. Himstead agreed that on receipt of such a communication he would reply in the sense suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Rushton Coulborn

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The American Historical Review

R. L. SCHUYLER, MANAGING EDITOR

535 WEST 114TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

17-22-91

May 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Would you be willing to write a review of the book noted below? If so, a copy will be sent to you with the proper heading, which you are requested to attach to the review.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Schuyler

Author, ~~of~~ Title:

Horace Mann Bond: Negro Education in Alabama: A Study in Cotton and Steel. (Pp. 358.)

Length of review:

Not over 300 words, unless very important, in which case 4-500 words.

Date review is desired:

October 25.

(AMER HIST. REVIEW)

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Professor William E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

American Historical Review,
535 West 114th Street,
New York City,
June 2, 1939.

17-33-93

Dear Professor Du Bois:

We noticed that the postcard saying you would review Bond's "Negro Education in Alabama" was postmarked Atlanta. This is to let you know that the book is being mailed to your New York City address.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor D. Smith.

[American Historical Review]

17-33-94

June 5, 1939

Dear Madam:

I have your card of June second. I have no permanent address in New York and you would better rescue the copy of the book and hold it until I get there. From July first to September first I shall have a temporary address at 35 West 110th Street, New York City. My regular address is Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Eleanor D. Smith
American Historical Review
535 West 114th Street
New York City

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535 West 114th Street
New York City

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June 12, 1939.

Professor William E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Du Bois:

I am very sorry that we sent your book to the address given in Who's Who--we had sent the request there also. We have tried to get in touch with the apartment building but are unable to do so, and the "College Station" postoffice branch (140th Street) has no record of the book's having been returned there. Perhaps you have received a notice that the book is being held for you and have already sent the three cents postage which will be necessary to have it forwarded. If you have heard nothing about it by this time, will you please let us know and we will put in a tracer for the book.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor D. Smith.

[American Historical

17-33-92

October 25, 1939

My dear Sir:

Enclosed is my review of Bond's book. I am afraid it is too long. You are quite at liberty to cut it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. L. Schuyler
The American Historical Review
535 West 114th Street
New York City

[Am. Labor Party]

17-25-05

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OF
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June 8, 1939.

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

Mr. Langdon Post in turning your letter over to me has asked me to say that he is delighted that you can join The Labor Club for the summer months.

The Executive Committee has just voted to extend the privilege of a summer rate of $5.00 to a limited number of people and I am enclosing an application card which I hope you will fill out and return at your convenience.

I assure you that The Labor Club is happy to welcome you into its membership, and that we look forward to seeing you in our clubrooms very often during your stay in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Pearl L. Willen

PEARL L. WILLEN
Secretary.

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Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

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[American Labor Party]

17-26-42

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THE LABOR CLUB
OF
THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

June 21, 1939.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am very happy to note that you have accepted a summer membership in The Labor Club. I do hope you will find it a convenience and a pleasure.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to Mrs. Paula Stettiner, our executive secretary, when you come in. I am sure she will be happy to see that you have every convenience and see that you meet some of our members if you so desire.

Cordially yours,

Pearl L. Willen

PEARL L. WILLEN
Secretary.

Dr. W. E. V. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

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63 W. 44th St., New York

This is to certify that

Dr. W. E. V. DuBois

is a member of The Labor Club.

Paul L. Willen

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Secretary

October 9, 1939

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Gentlemen:

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Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. DuBois:

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of The American Academy *of* Political *and* Social Science

3457 WALNUT STREET
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 18, 1939

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

47-12-33

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Would you be willing to write a popular book note of not more than five hundred words on AMERICAN CASTE AND THE NEGRO COLLEGE by Buell G. Gallagher for the book department of The Annals.

A return postal card is enclosed for your convenience in replying. Copy of the book will be sent to you immediately upon receipt of your acceptance.

We should like to have the manuscript in our hands by March 18, 1939.

Sincerely yours,

Thorsten Sellin

Thorsten Sellin

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THORSTEN SELLIN, *Editor* DONALD YOUNG, *Associate Editor*

THE ANNALS

of The American Academy *of* Political *and* Social Science

3457 WALNUT STREET
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 17, 1939

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Would you be interested in reviewing for The Annals in not more than five hundred words RACE RELATIONS AND THE RACE PROBLEM edited by Edgar T. Thompson, the manuscript to be in our hands by October 17, 1939?

A return postal card is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

Thorsten Sellin

Thorsten Sellin

17-33-76

October 26, 1939

My dear Mr. Sellin:

I regret to be late with my review of Thompson, RACE RELATIONS AND THE RACE PROBLEM. I shall mail it to you October twenty-seventh.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Thorsten Sellin
The Annals
3457 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

138 Ashby St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga
March - 22 - 39

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I value very highly the autographed copy of "The Revelation of Saint Orgne the Damned" I enjoyed the wisdom of the "Revelation" and am the wiser because you wrote with an untrammelled pen.

With superior literary craftsmanship you gave the purposeful experiences and philosophy of "Orgne" in it all is a program of living for our seven-sided life. I know you do not give a d---- about the cock-sparrow orators who make speeches about the "Du Bois Plan" nevertheless a man like yourself who lives on the growing edge of current thought should frequently give us if not an interpretation at least a summary of the man he was yesterday as he is today.

Some day when I can make the climb to your den, I want more light on the "Sin of Virginity". I think I read too much into it.

Sincerely Yours — S. H. Archer

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February 12, 1939

My dear Dr. Dubois:

Our people, your people have been indebted to you in many ways over the years, but in your deliverance today you brought to a tremendous audience a message which increases that debt manyfold.

Its perfection in logic, in delivery, in scientific presentation made my heart glad and must have converted untold thousands who heard it.

I bow before you in reverence and appreciation. May Heaven grant you many more years of service to our race and to your fellowman.

Faithfully yours,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

Claude A. Barnett

Claude A. Barnett, Director.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
c/o Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
5802 South Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

CAB:fb

17-26-38

February 20, 1939

My dear Sir:

Dr. Du Bois has requested me to send you the enclosed copy of a speech delivered February twelfth in the Chapel of the University of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Associated Negro Press
3507 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

17-26-10

February 27, 1939

My dear Mr. Barnett:

I thank you for the kind words concerning my speech at the University of Chicago.

I have been wondering recently about a monthly letter of interpretation to the Negro Press. I had planned something of the sort in my Pittsburgh Courier letters but Mr. Vann wanted something else. What I have in mind is an interpretation of certain outstanding events in world news and their relation to the American Negro, to general history, and to the history of the Negro race. Sometime if you were near I should be glad to talk to you about it or continue the matter in writing.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Associated Negro Press
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PHONE OAKLAND 6400

Washington, D.C. March 4th 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.,

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Thank you for sending a copy of your address. We have made one story from it which the papers seem to be using generally and hope later to use more of it here we feel you have made an address somewhat similar.

Your letter reached me here. I wish we were in position to make you even the smallest of offers for a monthly letter of interpretation, but we are not. Our sole source of support is the pittance which the papers pay for the upkeep of the organization and it is so slender that only through the greatest care and unusual effort in securing voluntary cooperation have we been able to maintain a reasonable standard of service. In spite of the fact that news and information are what they have to sell our publications for the most part invest least in that commodity.

When I observed you beginning your letter on the Courier I was happy because I thought it meant a step toward bringing effective opinion and coverage into the field. We have proffered many outstanding educational and civic leaders an opportunity to comment upon current social and economic questions but they all shy away from them. Probably the reason is that we cannot offer compensation but also there is comparative security in silence. You never see those who head our institutions and by virtue of the fact might be called our leaders, sounding a tocsin on any controversial question or offering advaice on any current topic affecting the world.

This channel is yours whenever you will use it. If we can ever find a subsidy enough to offer you a fair sum for your services we will hasten to you.

Sincerely,

C. A. Barnett.

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The Associated Negro Press Inc.
National News Service
3507 SOUTH PARKWAY
CHICAGO

March 10, 1939

Dear Dr. DuBois: Amplifying my letter from Washington: if you wish at some time to do a typical letter, we will be willing to syndicate it, writing the papers that it is available for them. You set the price, and our proposal will be that they pay you directly so much per month. We will be satisfied to do the syndication. Such a plan might work where our effort to sell it as a part of our service might not.

Very truly yours,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

C. A. Barnett
Claude A. Barnett, Director.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

CAB:fb

April 29, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois: The stirring times which we are experiencing in world and national economic and social affairs; the increasing tension caused by unemployment and political jockeying in our country, and the dire results to our Negro group if greater opportunity for work does not develop, as well as the position of our race on relief rolls--out of all proportion to our numbers: these problems are giving great concern to all Negro people.

During a recent trip covering cities in all sections of the country North and South, I was fairly bombarded with questions from persons seeking to learn what the future holds. There was almost definite criticism of what my questioners by one implication or another indicated as "silence on the part of our acknowledged leaders upon important questions of the day."

So impressed was I with this widespread viewpoint that I resolved to place this organization at the direct disposal of a dozen leaders in thought, of whom you are one. We offer you the Associated Negro Press channel to transmit your views to the newspapers and the public, and urge your participation and cooperation in this effort.

Our idea is to announce soon in a featured release the names of the men and women to whom this invitation has been extended. This will be followed by another release indicating those who accepted this important responsibility, and perhaps those who refused it.

Your part in the program will be comparatively simple. Please answer the questions on the enclosed questionaire as fully as possible. Use all the space you require. If you are especially interested in any given question and wish to write a complete article upon it, we shall be glad to have it and use it as an interview. We are anxious to have your replies to the questionaire as early as convenient--by return mail if possible.

We hope you will share our opinion that this feature offers splendid opportunity for stimulating the thinking and deepening the observations and opinions of the masses of our people.

Sincerely yours,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

C. A. Barnett

Claude A. Barnett, Director.

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QUESTIONAIRE - I

1. Should the United States adopt an attitude of "hands off" in the European crisis which impends? What should be the Negro's attitude? Why?

2. In view of the oft-reported program of the United States War department to assign all Negro units to pioneer or labor batallions in the event of the next war, what action do you suggest upon the part of Negroes?

3. There are those who believe the idea of a Negro division may open up opportunities in soldiering for Negroes. Others feel that the development of further segregated units in the federal government is a dangerous practice and will further official separateness and segregation. What do you think and advise?

4. There are 11,000,000 unemployed in America. As employment improves from time to time, it appears that white workers are re-employed and Negro workers remain on relief rolls. How can this situation be improved?

5. In New York, the following are the figures of Negroes on home relief: 73,488
In Chicago, the following are the figures of Negroes on home relief: 67,727
Forty per cent. of the entire relief load in Chicago is Negro. How do these figures compare with your city and state?

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6. Are Negroes in your section being allotted relief and WPA work in relation to need? Do they receive the same treatment as whites?

7. What about Social Security: How are Negroes receiving benefits?

8. There are many complaints that Negroes cannot get mortgages under the FHA as whites get them. It is part of the administration's procedure to refuse loans to a Negro family in a white neighborhood. What is the condition in your section?

9. According to the annual report of the National Urban League, recently released, racial relations are improving, even in the South, because of German persecution of Jewsand the realization that the U. S. has not been any too fair toward the Negro. Do you agree or disagree with the Urban League report, and can you recall any incidents or experiences supporting your conclusion?

10. Now that the Gaines decision has been handed down, what course should Negro leaders take in pressing for further advantage? Should the Negro population insist upon opening of existing white state universities to colored students? Should they strive to have the present Land Grant schools developed, so as to do graduate work?

10a. Is it possible or to be expected that Southern states will take on the burden of providing really adequate separate universities? How can the colored population prevent these states from stalling along with various types of makeshifts, while doing nothing actually toward following the mandate of the Supreme Court?

11. There has been talk of establishing one or two real universities in strategic centers, possibly Atlanta, Nashville and Washington, D. C., to be supported jointly by the states with the assistance of certain foundations. The assumption is that the cost of establishing a university of any real calibre in each Southern state is prohibitive, and that there are not enough students to even remotely justify their establishment. There are those who oppose this proposal on the ground that it would be the acceptance of the principle of segregation and conniving with the several states to more firmly establish such separateness.

What is your opinion of the feasibility of such a proposal?

12. Do you believe that the objection of white schools to taking Negro students can be broken down finally?

The Associated Negro Press Inc.
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3507 SOUTH PARKWAY
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17-26-12

July 21, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We sent your cut to 60 papers and have sent a number of clips to your publisher. I hope it results in increased sales.

Sincerely,

C. A. Barnett.

ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS

17-26-13

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 2, 1939

My dear Mr. Barnett:

Thank you very much for the publicity which you have given my book.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Associated Negro Press
3507 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

[1939?]

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEGRO MUSIC

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MUSIC CENTER

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902 T Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEGRO MUSIC?

The Association for the Development of Negro Music is an organization established to study, stimulate and promote Negro achievement in the world of music.

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WHAT IS ITS SPECIFIC PURPOSE?

The specific purpose of this Association is to inculcate in lovers of music a deeper appreciation and respect for the work of Negro composers and artists.

Negro musicians have enriched the music of the world. Their sacrifices and attainments have marked indelibly the pages of music history. Negro music has had an overwhelming influence on the development of the music of America. The Negro's natural aptitude for rhythm, his moods, his skill in improvisation, and the divinity of spirit that stirs within his soul have combined to produce the only true American music.

Inspired by these things, the Association has planned a program which it is hoped will result in enlarging and perpetuating the Negro's influence in the world of music.

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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

Primarily, the program of the Association has as its objective the establishing of a music center in the Nation's Capital. The purpose of the center will be (1) to develop the higher forms of music; (2) to act as a clearing house and research center for the work of Negro composers; and (3) to act in an advisory capacity to educational institutions, churches and other organizations, and to individuals interested in the history, progress and activities of the Negro in music.

At present the Association maintains a library of compositions by Negro composers and works on Negro music. This library is being constantly enlarged through the cooperation of publishing houses and composers themselves. The Association has permanent headquarters at the Washington Conservatory of Music, 902 T Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

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NAME Dr. W. E. B. DuBois RCD.

ADDRESS EXAMINED 10/18/39

DOCTOR Dr. Slaten Patient ADDRESS

SPECIFIC GRAVITY 1012 ACETONE O

COLOR Straw BILE O

REACTION Acid PUS occasional white cell. 2-3 to H.P. field

ALBUMEN Trace only BLOOD O

SUGAR O CASTS none

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No crystals, and only a few epithelial cells.

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ADDRESS EXAMINED 11/9/39

DOCTOR Slater ADDRESS

SPECIFIC GRAVITY 1022 ACETONE neg

COLOR Amber BILE neg.

REACTION Acid PUS Average 2 10 to a high power field

ALBUMEN Faint Traces BLOOD none

SUGAR neg. CASTS none

INDICAN neg MUCUS none

Few calcium oxalate crystals

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January 4, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. Reid and I have been conferring about courses in sociology for the second semester. I think, if possible, matters of this sort should be settled early and not left until the beginning of the semester. This would also greatly lighten the problem of the bookstore.

We suggest: that if Mr. Chivers has been carrying on the course No. 467-68, Introduction to the Social Sciences, that he continue it through the second semester.

Course No. 474, American Negro Culture, and No. 544, Race Problems, cannot to the best advantage be carried on simultaneously as there would be some duplication. We suggest, therefore, that during the second semester course No. 474 be omitted and course No. 544, Race Problems, be conducted by myself.

Since course No. 545,-546 would not be given the second semester on account of Mr. Reid's absence that on the other hand course No. 477, 478, Principles and Methods of Statistics, be continued through the second semester.

Course No. 504, Urban Sociology, could be given by Mr. Chivers as this is his specialty.

That I should give course No. 508, Social Institutions.

Also that I should conduct the Seminar 547, 548.

I should be glad to talk with you about this at your convenience. I am sending a copy of this to the President.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

17-33-17

January 5, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

With regard to summer school I realize the emergency you are facing. I should be glad to teach during the coming summer providing my understanding with President Hope can be carried out and I can have leave of absence for the second semester of 1939-40 with pay.

I want to use this time in pursuing my literary and scientific work. My book BLACK FOLK; THEN AND NOW is already in proof and will appear in February. I want to follow this by a bo k of essays already written; a novel which needs revision but is partly written; and my long postponed history of the Negro in the World War.

This brings up again the question of my secretary, a memorandum concerning which I sent you December fifth. I should not like to interrupt my work here and return to find myself without a trained helper like Miss Diggs. Moreover, it seems to me, as I have said before, that we are missing the opportunity of keeping at Atlanta University people of ability and character whom we know and have helped train. We have recently lost Dr. Logan. We let Mrs. Valien and lately Hugh Smythe go to the department of sociology at Fisk. We ought not to lose Miss Diggs' services. I should like, therefore, to have some clear understanding about my secretary before final arrangements are made for the summer and for my leave of absence.

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President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

January 9, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

Mr. Strong came in this morning and said that he had been asked by Mr. Whittaker to give a course in Social Psychology in Morehouse College; that he had asked Mr. Whittaker that graduate students be admitted to the course and that Mr. Whittaker had referred him to the President; that the President had referred Mr. Strong to me as head of the department of sociology. After consulting Mr. Reid, I replied to Mr. Strong that the department would have no objection to the admission of graduate students to a course in Social Psychology offered by Morehouse College during the second semester of 1938-39.

I have had no direct communication from you or Mr. Whittaker concerning this matter and I am, therefore, laying the facts before you.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 9, 1939

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Mr. Whittaker has suggested that Mr. Strong give a course in Social Psychology at Morehouse next semester. Mr. Strong has asked Dr. Clement if the course could be open to graduate students and Dr. Clement consents if it is agreeable to the department. May I talk to you about it?

17-35-1

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

January 9, 1939

10-24-01

Dear Mr. Strong:

I have talked with Mr. Reid and the department does not object to admission of graduate students to a course on Social Psychology offered by Morehouse College during the second semester of 1938-39.

Very truly yours,

Mr. H. H. Strong
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 10, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I-36-62

I asked Mr. Strong to speak to you about the course in Social Psychology because I believe that the courses to be offered in a given semester should be suggested by the department. I did not request that Mr. Strong offer the course, nor am I now requesting that you approve it as a senior-graduate course. In short, the course should not be offered to graduate students unless the department of Sociology thinks that it should be.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:C
COPY to Mr. Whittaker

[Atlanta Univ.]

January 10, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

For my February lecture tour this spring I have invitations for eight lectures including the University of Chicago in morning chapel, February 12; the Chicago Evening Club in Orchestra Hall; the colored YMCA in Detroit and public forums at Springfield, Ohio; Lincoln, Nebraska; Chicago and Wheeling, West Virginia. This will require about ten days of my time. I think I can arrange satisfactorily for my classes and, if you have no objections, I shall accept these invitations.

17-36-61

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-28-11

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 10, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 5 in response to my request that you consider remaining over for work in the 1939 summer session. In spite of the fact that we know you could be of great service to us during the summer session, I feel that we should be doing the students of the regular term an injustice should we deny them the opportunity of studying and working with you during their period of residence and at a time when many of them will be carrying on research in sociology.

If a choice has to be made between having you available for the summer school or for a part of the school year, I am certain that all of us would prefer to have you available for the work of the regular academic year.

With respect to the question which you raise concerning the services of Miss Diggs, I was of the opinion that the matter did not have to be settled until after the Julius Rosenwald Fund had announced its fellowship grants for the academic year 1939-1940. The University will be glad to keep its promise to you that you shall have adequate secretarial help for your work.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:C

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 11, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

12-36-63

The University is glad to grant your request for a leave of absence of about ten days in February in order that you may accept the invitations for lectures as indicated in your memorandum of January 10 to me.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:S

[Atlanta University]

(over)

January 11, 1939

15-31-10

My dear Mr. Banks:

I think it would be a calamity to elect Walter White to the Board of Trustees of Atlanta University. I was closely associated with Mr. White from 1917 to 1933 and was instrumental in bringing him to the Association. He is an intelligent and hard-working man but I do not think that in all my career I have met a man more utterly selfish. He is absolutely self-centered in everything that he does or thinks. In the earlier years his concentration on himself became the joke of colored New York. Later he curbed a little of the outer expression of it but it became all the more dangerous and difficult to deal with. One of the reasons th t I left the National Association was because staying there would have involved a bitter fight with White's methods and objects, and especially with his utter lack of principle and broad ideals. If he became associated with Atlanta University, you need not think that his contacts would help the University. Rather he would use the University for his own objects. It was due to his selfishness and refusal to cooperate that James Weldon Johnson was compelled to resign as secretary of the NAACP. If White had been loyal and devoted, Johnson could have kept the position and would have been glad to.

All of his executive colleagues united in December, 1931 in a complaint to the Board of Directors of the NAACP concerning Mr. White. I am enclosing a copy of the concluding words of this indictment with the signatures and the figures indicating the length of service of each person. The statement was prepared by me at the request of my colleagues; written out and given to them for consideration; then signed on the next day and presented at a meeting of the Board of Directors. I am sending you this statement at the request of Elizabeth.

I hope you are still in good health after your travels. My best regards to Mrs. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

. . . "It is our solemn and carefully considered opinion that unless the power of the Chairman of the Board over the appointment of committees is curtailed and unless Mr. White is going to be more honest and straight-forward with his colleagues, more truthful in his statement of facts, more conscientious in his expenditure of money, that the chief question before this organization is how long he can remain in his present position and keep the N. A. A. C. P. from utter disaster?

"We make this statement with our own free will and at the solicitation and suggestion of no single one of us; and with a full realization of the gravity of what we say and the utmost willingness to abide by the consequences. We have all had considerable and varied experiences, but in our several careers, we have never met a man like Walter White who under an outward and charming manner has succeeded within a short time in alienating and antagonizing everyone of his co-workers, including all the clerks in the office.

		Years of Service
(signed)	W. E. B. Du Bois	21
	Herbert J. Seligmann	12
	William Pickens	12
	Robert M. Bagnall	11
	Roy Wilkins	½

over

[Atlanta Univ.]

17-27-21

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PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

January 17, 1939

Dr W E B Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

I want to thank you for your letter of January 11 regarding Mr White. This is valuable information.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

January 18, 1939

Memo to Mr. Reid:

When you go away we would be glad to have Miss Graham assigned to this office if you can help arrange it.

Enclosed is a letter of introduction which I promised.

17-35-3

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

IRA DeA. REID
Department of Sociology, Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 19, 1939

17-35-10

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This morning I talked with Mrs. Lula Weeden about her credits in Sociology. The following analysis of her work is based upon her transcript from the Virginia Theological Seminary at which she completed her undergraduate work in 1930. Mrs. Weeden says that there is an additional credit in chemistry which was not included on the transcript. There is also a transcript of her graduate work in the Oberlin graduate school of Theology which I did not evaluate. On the basis of the available information, I have evaluated Mrs. Weeden's credits as follows:

Total of 36 semester hours in sociology and psychology which satisfies the undergraduate requirements in sociology. The undergraduate deficiencies noted are as follows:

American history, European history, economics, biological science and social anthropology.

It seems to me that with the removal of these deficiencies, the satisfying of the minimum requirements of this department would enable Mrs. Weeden to complete her work for the Master's degree in sociology.

I have advised Mrs. Weeden that this is to be regarded only as a preliminary evaluation and that an official action thereon would have to come from the head of the department and, if necessary, from the committee on advanced standing. A copy of this letter is being sent Mrs. Weeden and Mr. Whittaker.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid

IDR/R
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

January 19, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. Smith has come to me concerning his thesis. I have told him that the whole matter of his graduation was in the hands of a Graduate Committee and as I do not know the personnel of that Committee, I am referring him to you.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

January 19, 1939

17-33-224

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Despite my repeated protest, children use the campus under my recitation windows as a playground. I have protested to President Clement and to Mr. Whittaker and still nothing is done. If the disturbance keeps on I shall simply have to dismiss my classes to wait until these children stop playing.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

IRA DeA. REID

[1-24-1939]

Dear Dr. DuBois:

How marvelous of you to so kindly honor my departing! I trust that the experience of these few months of travel will be as enriching as your encumbrance.

Cordially,
Ira DeA. Reid

17-35-9

Journey today-just
nineteen hundred thirty nine

IRA DeA. REID
Department of Sociology, Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 24, 1939

Memorandum

To Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

From Ira De A. Reid

17-35-5

I think it would be well to have Miss Ruth Graham and Miss Alberta Callaway remain in the department of Sociology during the second semester as work students, and it would be quite satisfactory to me if Miss Diggs will be responsible for the supervision of their work.

There are a few things that I should like to have done. I am transmitting a memorandum of this to Miss Diggs, and if she will be so kind as to supervise this work for me, I shall be very happy to make the occupants of 209 and 210 happy by recommending these two assignments to Mrs. Nabrit. There are a few things that Miss Callaway and Miss Graham may do for me during the second semester and several things that they may do for the department of Sociology. I have, therefore, asked Miss Diggs to be responsible for their supervision and for the supervision of the work I wish done. I trust that the administration will have no objection to this.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid

IDR-R

IRA DeA. REID
Department of Sociology, Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 24, 1939

Memorandum

To Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

From Ira De A. Reid

17-35-6

There are two or three matters of departmental import that I am herewith referring to you.

First, it will be necessary that Miss Ruth A. Graham and Miss Daisy Anita Adams take a course in anthropology during the second semester. It seems that this course is not being offered at Morehouse, but is being offered at Morris Brown. Since this is a required subject, I am suggesting that these two students be permitted to take this course at Morris Brown.

Secondly, there is the matter of students' theses about which some arrangements must be made. I have promised Miss Graham, who is writing on "A Sociological Study of a Small Community" and has made considerable progress thereon, that I would see hers through the first draft. This draft will be sent to me in New York. I will report to you my suggestions for completion.

I have made a similar promise to Miss Callaway.

Mr. Harvey E. Johnson's thesis has been plaguing me for three years. Do not be alarmed at its condition when you see it. Only remember that through floods and flames it has arrived where it is.

The thesis of Miss Annie Mae Martin, which was begun last year, is being handled by Mr. Chivers as is the thesis of Miss Agnes May.

IRA DeA. REID

Mr. Pierro is interested in the study of homicides in Atlanta during 1938. I think Mr. Chivers will work with him on that.

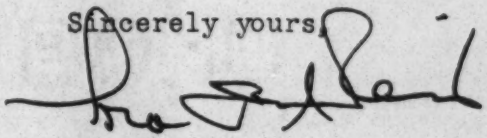
Mr. Haynes has expressed an interest in the problems of personality tests which are being conducted at the Laboratory High School. All of the statistical information is being gathered under the auspices of the American Youth Commission and can be available to him if he continues in his wish to do this type of thesis.

17-35-7

I have done no more than talk over the matter of thesis subjects with Miss Adams and Mr. Roscoe Johnson. Miss Olga Williams began the writing of her thesis in second semester of the 1937-38 term. She did no work with me on it during the first semester. Her subject is on "The Attitude of Negroes Towards Poor Whites". The field work has been completed and all that is needed is supervision for the writing.

Mr. C. D. Hamilton is writing on "The Economic Status of Non-Professional Employees in a College Community". The thesis covers Atlanta University employees, but for obvious reasons the names were witheld. The administration was not in favor of our securing wage data, but I saw no reason why that should invalidate the rest of the material. Mr. Chivers might help out on this thesis.

Sincerely yours,



IDR-R

Ira De A. Reid

IRA DeA. REID
Department of Sociology, Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-35-8

January 24, 1939

Dear Miss Diggs:

If this cooperative arrangement on student help works out during the second semester, here are the things I should like to have done: First, have Miss Graham to complete the typing of my notes. All of them are in her hands, and you can gauge the volume of work involved; Second, have Miss Callaway complete the work on my scrapbooks. This includes personal materials as well as some data on Negro employment; Thirdly, to have you organize my correspondence, materials, and pamphlet files as you did for Dr. Du Bois.

Does this seem like too much? Well, I hope not.

Meanwhile, Bon Voyage.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid

IDR-R

Miss E. I. Diggs
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

January 27, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

As a member of the Advisory Committee on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, I have been invited to dinner Saturday, February fourth, with the President at the Hotel Carlton, Washington.

17-36-64

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

January 31, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

17-33-225

As I understand it, Miss Calloway in order to complete her requirements for the masters degree this semester needs:

nine credit hours of work
an acceptable thesis
passing of the comprehensive examination

For the nine credit hours she has selected the following courses:

No. 508 Social Institutions (3 credits)
504 Urban Sociology (3 credits)
478 Principles and Methods of Statistics (3 credits)

Will these courses satisfy the above requirements in necessary credits? I should be glad to have your confirmation of this or correction.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 1, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

The sociological Seminar is to meet Wednesday nights from seven to nine this semester under my charge. The question is where it shall meet.

I found the first year that I did not get good response when the Seminar met as an ordinary class in my class room or in the library seminar rooms. The next year I had the Seminar meet in my home apartment inviting in members of the staff and serving little light refreshments afterwards. It was a great success and the same thing happened last year with Mr. Reid.

12-36-65

This year I cannot have the Seminar meet in my apartment on account of the little girl who would be asleep and apt to be awakened by the noise. There are three places that might do and I write to ask which of them you can assign to us:

A. The teachers dining room in the Atlanta University dormitories; the men's lounge would be better than this but it cannot be shut off and the dining room can.

B. The staff lounge in the basement of the library next to the exhibition room.

C. The staff lounge in the Administration Building opposite the Conference Room.

In any of these rooms light refreshments could be served. There would be privacy and silence and I think the Seminar would like it. The attendance this year including the staff will be probably fifteen.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 1, 1939

17-36-66

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I am happy to know that you have been invited to attend the dinner for the President on Saturday, February 4. I certainly hope that you will be able to accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:S

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 4, 1939

17-36-67

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Arrangements have been made for the Seminar in Sociology to meet in Room 316 (faculty lounge) of the Administration Building, Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:C

101-61-11

February 9, 1939

My dear Mr. Strong:

I am going West to lecture February tenth and I should like to have my classes hear some visitors while I am away. Could you, for instance on the fifteenth or seventeenth of February talk to a class of ten graduate students on "Social Institutions According to my Understanding"? The class meets at eight o'clock in the morning. If you cannot come on either of these days, could you come the twentieth or twenty-second at eight? Kindly let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. H. Strong
Atlant University
Atlanta, Georgia

801-14-108

February 9, 1939

My dear Mr. Chivers:

I am going West to lecture February tenth and I should like to have my classes hear some visitors while I am away. Could you, for instance on the twentieth or twenty-second of February talk to a class of ten graduate students on "Social Institutions According to my Understanding"? The class meets at eight o'clock in the morning. If you cannot come on either of these days, could you come the fifteenth or seventeenth at eight? Kindly let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

11-15-11

February 10, 1939

My dear Mr. Chivers:

Will you kindly take charge of the Seminar, February twenty-second and for its subject bring from the library one or two of the best theses done under your supervision and explain them and the method pursued for the benefit of the members of the Seminar? I shall be greatly obliged.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

17-19-112

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February 10, 1939

My dear Mr. Strong:

This is to confirm your promise to speak to the class in Social Institutions on your understanding of social institutions Wednesday, February twenty-second at eight o'clock. The class consists of ten graduate students.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. H. Strong
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-19-115

February 10, 1939

My dear Mrs. Maxwell:

As I mentioned this morning I have a course in Social Institutions composed of about ten graduate students who meet at eight o'clock three times a week in my room 209 Administration Building. Will you take charge of the class Friday, February seventeenth and talk to them about social institutions out of your practical experience. I shall appreciate the service. I am to be absent in the West lecturing. I am writing Mr. Washington the enclosed letter asking his consent.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Ethel Maxwell
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

111-61-14

February 10, 1939

My dear Mr. Washington:

Would you let me borrow the services of Mrs. Maxwell for one recitation period? I want her to talk to my class of graduate students in Social Institutions, February 17, at eight o'clock. I hope you will have no objection.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 11, 1939

17-35-14

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Government about reporting payment of salaries of $1000 or more to a single person, and $2500 or more to a married person, your salary for 1938 was reported as $4500.00.

Sincerely yours

Florence M. Read

Treasurer

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

FMR.C

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 25, 1939

NOTICE

We are asking all of the teachers who are giving lectures in connection with the course in Negro History to meet in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building for a brief meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28.

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

February 27, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I have a class
Tuesday, February 28, at four.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 28, 1939

Memorandum to President Clement:

17-36-68

Last night just before midnight four men in Bernard Robinson's room including him were laughing, talking and singing in chorus loud enough to awaken me between two doors and a hallway. Soon after McCrary in the same corridor with his door open began to yell at the top of his voice. It is, of course, impossible for any student in or near such actions either to study or to sleep and it seems to me that we are seriously derelict in our duty to allow such continued infraction upon the ordinary rights of students sent to us.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

CC to Mrs. Henry

March 4, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

May I suggest that the Atlanta University dining room needs attention:

12-30-69

a. with the advent of a new dietitian the student waiters are taking advantage of her inexperience. They jostle each other, shout and whistle during meals.

b. The floors are filthy. They need some attention every day and thorough cleaning much more often than they get it.

c. The table cloths and doilies in the teachers dining room get much too dirty before changed. Often we have to lay paper napkins over them.

d. The wagons upon which the dirty dishes are placed are allowed to stand with accumulated dirt until they smell and are an offense to the eye.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 17, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Daisy Adams took a make-up examination in SOCIAL THEORY (No. 506) March 13 and has been given a mark of B.

17-33

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 20, 1939

1-21-44

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Will you please turn in to my office, not later than Saturday morning, April first, a report of the work of your department for the present school year.

The information is to be used in connection with the President's annual report.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

(Sociology)

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 20, 1939

17-36-70

Dear Doctor DuBois:

The questions raised in your notes of February 28 and March 4 have been taken up with the proper authorities at the Atlanta University dining room.

Thank you for calling these things to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:S

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 23, 1939

17-36-71

Dear Doctor DuBois:

We find that the wood you have stored on the ground floor of the dormitory is housing termites, and have been advised by the exterminators to have the wood moved.

Please inform me what you wish to have done with the wood.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:C

The Committee on Expansion and Collaboration of Departments will greatly appreciate your answering the questions below. To make this report complete, it is necessary to get the opinions of the members of the faculty. Please Answer by March 24.

C. A. Bacote, Chairman

The collaboration within the department of sociology has been satisfactory.

A. There ought to be a carefully thought out collaboration and integration of the social sciences in Atlanta University and in the affiliated institutions including history, economics, sociology, anthropology, and psychology.

B. There ought to be effort to increase collaboration between the courses in education, English, French and other languages and the social science courses especially the social science courses in Atlanta University and in the University School of Social Work ought to be brought into close collaboration and interchange of subjects and teachers.

The department of sociology together with the other social sciences needs a quarterly journal for the publication of research, the expression of opinion and the careful and authoritative classification and preservation of news of interest to the darker races.

March 24, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

I am consulting with Mr. Huth to see how best I can have my wood removed.

17-36-72

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 24, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

I have been invited to address the North Carolina Teachers Association Friday, April seventh.

17-26-72

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 24, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

Last night the noise and conversation in room No. 238 was very disturbing. The room belongs to Kibbe but when I went down there to ask the men to be more quiet, Isaac Hines said it was his room and lied in saying his name was Samuel Jones. Joseph Sanson was making the most noise. Robinson was also present. The problem of unnecessary and continued noise in this hall is still unsettled. The radio in the front room toward the street and next to the north door is used almost continuously and loudly.

12-36-74

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 28, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I shall be pleased to have you address the North Carolina Teachers Association on Friday, April 7.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

17-36-75

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:S

17-28-04

March 29, 1939

Memorandum to President Clement:

If convenient, I should be glad to talk with you this week on two matters:

1. recommending to the Board of Trustees a periodical publication at Atlanta University

2. furnishing modern homes for teachers at these institutions, with all conveniences and at a rental which would give a fair return on the University investment.

When can you see me?

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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April 1, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

The Department of Sociology for the year 1938-39 has conducted the following courses:

First semester - Introduction to the Social Sciences - Mr. Reid
Asiatic Culture - Mr. Du Bois
Principles and Methods of Statistics - Mr. Pierce
Population Problems and Policies - Mr. Reid
Social Theory - Mr. Du Bois
Social Conflict - Mr. Du Bois
Social Research - Mr. Reid

Second semester - Principles and Methods of Statistics - Mr. Pierce
Urban Sociology - Mr. Chivers
Social Institutions - Mr. Du Bois
Race Problems - Mr. Du Bois
Seminar in Sociology - Mr. Du Bois, Mr. Chivers and Miss Diggs

In addition to the class work this library of 1,794 volumes has been used for consultation and loans. Mr. Du Bois also bought and used for the department a collection of six maps. The Tiffany window bought in 1909 and dedicated to the memory of John Howard Hincks, dean and first professor of sociology, has been removed fr m Stone Hall and installed in the sociology rooms. The expense was born partly by the University and partly by Mr. Du Bois.

With the assistance from the Phelps Stokes Fund work has been continued in the planning of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro involving contacts with historians, sociologists and anthropologists in various parts of the world. One book has been prepared for publication BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW, a history of the Negro race throughout the world, to be issued by Henry Holt and Company this month. Another book of essays will be submitted to the publishers in April.

Articles have been published by Mr. Chivers in the Journal of Negro Education, January, 1939 and Flash Magazine, October 15, 1938; by Mr. Du Bois in Foreign Affairs, October, 1938 and in the Journal of Education, April, 1938. The Fisk Commencement address by Mr. Du Bois (for 1938) has been published. Mr. Reid has edited the Urban Negro Worker in the United States, Volume 1, issued by the United States Government as the first report on the investigation of 200,000 skilled and white collar Negro workers. THE NEGRO IMMIGRANT by Mr. Reid has just been published by Columbia University Press.

47-12-2

During the second semester Mr. Reid has been absent on a Rosenwald Fellowship. He will spend this and the first semester of next year in travel and study in the West Indies and Europe.

Beside this members of the department have delivered a number of lectures. Details of these will be reported by each member separately.

Atlanta University
April 1, 1939

Attendance at learned societies 0

Speeches and addresses 1938-39:

Fisk University - Commencement Address
Cincinnati, Ohio - political lecture
Columbus, Ohio - political lecture
Hampton Institute - in lecture course
Paine College - panel forum
Emory University - theological department
Virginia State College - lecture
Savannah, Georgia - Business Improvement Association
University of Chicago - chapel
Chicago Evening Club - lecture
Evanston, Illinois - lecture
Church of the Good Shepherd, Chicago - panel forum
Lincoln, Nebraska - forum lecture
Detroit, Michigan - YMCA forum
Wheeling, West Virginia - public forum
Herzl Junior College, Chicago - Lectures on Americanization
Wright Junior College, Chicago " " "
Wilson Junior College, Chicago " " "
Springfield, Ohio - lecture Municipal Center

Publications:

Book - BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW
Pamphlet - The Revelation of Saint Orgne the Damned
Article - Black Africa Tomorrow, Foreign Affairs, October, 1938
Review - The Annals of the American Academy

Official connections 0

Researches:

Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Preparation of book of essays

April 6, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to inform you that Miss Daisy Adams took a make-up examination in SOCIAL CONFLICT, March 27 and has been given a mark of B. Miss Harveyette McAllister took a make-up examination in ASIATIC CULTURE, March 23 and has been given a mark of B.

Mr. John . Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

17-27-22

April 19, 1939

Dear President Banks: Personal and Confidential

I understand that you are going to be with us next week so I hasten to give you a little advanced information. There is still here no evidence of thought, plan or careful guidance in our administration set-up. I am increasingly disappointed. We have had this year a series of so-called faculty meetings but the number present is much too large, perhaps thirty persons, and really thoughtful and intimate discussion has been impossible. The results are rather meagre.

In February we discussed the matter of a periodical for the University - my especial hobby. The faculty voted that such a periodical should be established. I heard nothing further about it. Finally, at the urge of some of my colleagues, I ventured in March to ask the President frankly what he proposed to do. We had an interview and he said he was going to ask the Trustees to vote a subvention of two thousand dollars for such a periodical.* I hope if this comes up you will support it and if it does not come up you will in some way remind him of his promise.

Another matter that needs attention is the future status of Miss Diggs, my secretary. The University pays her one thousand dollars a year; since she has been working for me I have supplemented this with eight hundred dollars from the Phelps Stokes Fund giving her eighteen hundred dollars a year and one month's vacation. The Phelps Stokes appropriation will cease after this year. I reminded the President of this and at the same time urged Miss Diggs to apply for a Rosenwald fellowship. We have had no answer yet to this application but as some of the appointments are known I rather assume that it will not be granted. I suggested that in case she did not get such a fellowship that the University pay her $1,800 a year and let her continue to serve not simply as my secretary but as clerk for the department. If, of course, the periodical was established she would especially be needed to help on that. I have not taken the matter up again with the President but shall next week in case we do not hear from the Rosenwald people. I should like your support on this.

* 27 showed he $250

We are losing a number of our best products to Fisk: Valien and his wife, Hugh Smythe who got his Master's last year, and I think that Johnson has his eyes on Charles Lawrence who has been given a Rosenwald fellowship with my strong recommendation this year and is going to Columbia. It would be a calamity for my work and the institution to lose Miss Diggs. I hope you will keep this in mind.

We are looking forward to your coming and I hope you can spare a place for a meal. My best regards to you and Mrs. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

[Atlanta Univ.]

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

17-27-23

April 21, 1939

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

I am thoroughly in accord with the subject of your letter to me of April 19.

It is my plan to be in Atlanta, April 28, 29, 30 and May 1. I shall arrange to talk with you about several matters.

Mrs Banks is quite well and joins me in best regards.

I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

I-28-05

April 24, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

Miss Diggs did not get a Rosenwald Fellowship. That makes the question of next year important for early settlement. I should like very much to retain her services not only for my own work but for the best interests of Atlanta University. I should be glad to talk with you about the matter at your convenience.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 26, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. Chivers, who has Pierro's thesis in charge, thinks that he should be given an extention of fifteen days for the completion of it. I should be glad to have this arranged if possible.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 1, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Harvey E. Johnson asks for an extension of time on his thesis until May fifteenth. I think he has been working hard on it and I see no way of avoiding this extension if you are willing.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 2, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Olga Williams is asking for a two weeks postponement of her thesis. I should be glad if this can be granted.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

17-27-06

May 2, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mrs. Lulu L. Weeden took a make-up examination on RACE PROBLEMS and received a grade of C.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 4, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mrs. Josephine Thompson has not been able to finish the typying of her thesis. She needs a week longer for this. I am transmitting her request.

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 6, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Grahan wishes an extension of time until Monday morning for the completion of her thesis.

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 6, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Graham has just asked for an extension of time until Monday morning for the completion of her thesis. I do not think Dr. Du Bois will be back in the office this morning.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

May 9, 1939

17-33

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Under the direction of Mr. Tillman and the other members of the department of English, we are revising the procedure for the construction of theses. We are asking you to meet with him at 5:00 p.m., May 12, in room 2, Sale Hall on Morehouse College campus.

John P. Whittaker

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

17-33-229

May 11, 1939

My dear Dr. DuBois:

My decision relative to Miss Annie Mae Martin is based on the following:

1) Deficient in English Fundamentals.

2) Deficient three semester hours in her major. Last year she earned grades of C in Labor Problems and in African Culture. As far as our records show these conditions have not been removed.

3) Failure to notify this office of her intention to become a candidate for the master's degree in June, 1939. On September 24, 1938, I sent her a letter asking her to let us know what her plans were relative to completing her work for the master's degree. To date there has been no answer. Students are obligated first to the University, through this office, before proceeding with work in the various departments. We must insist that students be businesslike in the matter of handling their affairs in connection with work in the University.

Very truly yours

John P. Whittaker

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

JPW:C

May 11, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

I have just sent a memorandum to the Registrar, a copy of which I enclose. Annie Mae Martin is a hard working girl, has I understand finished her requirements for the master's degree and is this year submitting her thesis. She made proper application last year but possibly has not renewed the application this year. She has, however, sent her thesis. I do not think, without consultation with this department, a peremptory decision to refuse to consider this thesis is in the province of the Registrar and I should like to ask for your decision.

12-36-76

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Enclosure]

May 11, 1939

17-33-226

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I understand from Mr. Chivers that you have told Miss Annie Mae Martin that her thesis cannot be accepted this year because of some technical failure to register her application. This seems to me a rather drastic assumption of power on the part of the Registrar. We must, of course, have rules as to procedure but on the other hand mere technicalities should not be allowed to interfere with a person's work and plans if in the main they are satisfactory; and in any case the Registrar's decision should be made only in consultation with the department involved. I, therefore, ask that this decision be held up and that the matter be taken up with this department and the President. I am sending a copy of this memorandum to the President.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

May 12, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Answering your memorandum of May 11 with regard to Annie Mae Martin: if Miss Martin is deficient in any respect, she will, of course, have to make up those deficiencies before she is admitted to her degree. But in that case it would be courtesy for you to have said clearly to the professor who had given time and trouble to the correction of her thesis that she had such deficiencies.

On the contrary both to me and to Mr. Chivers you simply said that you had not been notified of her candidacy. There is no requirement in the catalogue which says that formal notification must be given of candidacy on the part of a student who has been with us who is working on her thesis. It is of course desirable that students be business like but the registrar's office has no right to set up an additional rule or requirement to that which is laid down by the catalogue. At present if Miss Martin makes up her deficiencies and if her thesis is accepted, she has a legal right to her degree according to the rules and the registrar has no right to deny it.

I may seem to put undue emphasis upon this case but perhaps you do not realize that throughout the student body and alumni there is the feeling that the faculty and the registrar's office are working continually at cross purposes and because of arbitrary rules on your part students are continually embarrassed. I have had numbers of them come to me with this difficulty in mind and particularly remember the case of four candidates who were unnecessarily and unjustly deprived of their degree until after summer school. I promised myself then that in similar cases I should make strong protest to your office, to the president and, if necessary, to the trustees.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copy to Dunn

17-33-227

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
May 13, 1939

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

It has been agreed that all theses for candidates for graduation in June should be filed in this office not later than Wednesday, May 24. There will be no further extension after this date and we are soliciting the cooperation of all the departments to this end.

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Very truly yours,

John P. Whittaker

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

17-28-06

May 15, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

I am anxious about Miss Diggs' and her position next year. May I ask if any decision has been reached and if not when the matter will be taken up?

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 19, 1939

Memo to Mrs. Mabrit:

I did not get into my office early enough yesterday to call on the President. I should be glad to come up any time today between 9:00 and 12:30 or at any hour Saturday.

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Mrs. C. C. Mabrit
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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To Dr. Parkins!

Miss Martin is under
doctor's care all afternoon except
after then.

May 19, 1939 — [illegible]

May 20, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Annie Mae Martin has today taken a make-up examination in Course No. 471, African Culture, and received a grade of B.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 22, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Can you furnish me this afternoon:

a. names of those persons who will come up for the comprehensive examination in sociology

b. a transcript of their academic record?

If this last has already been furnished Mr. Ried, perhaps I can find it in his files.

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 26, 1939

My dear Mr. Coulborn:

The department of sociology has taken up the question of a course in Negro history and we would recommend that the course in sociology now No. 471 be given during the first semester of next year as a course in African History and Culture. I would be glad to conduct it provided there was a pretty careful sifting of undergraduates seeking admission. In a similar course No. 474 for the second semester called American Negro Culture could be changed to American Negro History and Culture and I would conduct it under the same conditions. I shall be glad to know if this is in accordance with your present plans.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Rushton Coulborn
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 26, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. Chivers and I have been in consultation concerning courses in sociology for the next year and have worked out the enclosed proposed division of work:

The course No. 471 which was called African Culture, I am proposing to expand to African History and Culture in accordance with a request of Mr. Coulborn of the Department of History. He wishes that I should take charge of a course in African history. I think that the course can be modified to one in historical culture and conducted at least during the first semester. Perhaps other arrangements will have to be made for the other semester.

Mr. Chivers will undertake the course of Introduction to the Social Sciences with assistance from myself, Mr. Coulborn, Mr. Eagleson, Mr. Dean if he returns, and others.

by Mr. Chivers We think that the course No. 543 in Social Conflict should be mainly a course in maladjustment and crime. This subject has lately been omitted from our courses and we do not think this is advisable. We are, therefore, suggesting that the course be social conflict including crime.

We have of course assigned statistics to Mr. Pierce.

We trust you will take this proposal under advisement.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 26, 1939

17-33-228

Make-Up Examinations, Sociology

No. 473 - Asiatic Culture, L. H. Haynes, B

505 - Social Theory, Roscoe Johnson, B-

508 - Social Theory, L. H. Haynes, B

I am giving Johnson a passing mark in his courses with me. He has ability and works, but his English is bad and needs careful checking before he gets his degree.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-33-60

In the case of two institutions affiliated with the University there is grave lack of integration: one is the Atlanta University School of Social Work and the other is the Atlanta University Laboratory School. The School of Social Work grew up out of the activities of colored women mainly connected with the University. Afterward it was incorporated as a separate institution. When the affiliation took place it was given a home on the University grounds but still was separate. A year ago it was definitely affiliated with Atlanta University but there is no connection in any way between the school and the department of sociology. Some organic connection ought to be evolved.

The Atlanta University Laboratory School is historically the hold-over from the older elementary instruction which used to be connected with the various affiliated schools. These preparatory and elementary departments were gradually entirely abolished. But when teacher training came to be a major part of the regular curriculum the schools were revived partly for teacher training and partly to supply a system of schools better than the very poor public schools. As a result there is established in connection with Atlanta University a complete system of schools from the nursery school through high school but this system has not been integrated with the department of education. Very little teacher training is done there and on the other hand the supervision of the school is faulty, the teachers too few for the work and the funds and facilities not sufficient. This system of school should be radically revised and should be made an integral part of the course in teacher training in the department of education.

May 30, 1939

[Atlanta Univ.]

June 1, 1939

17-35-15

Memo to Miss Read:

Mr. Harvey Johnson is known to me and I think to the other teachers of Atlanta University as honest and hard-working and I see no reason why Atlanta University should not accept his note. I can do nothing further than testify to his character.

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

June 2, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mrs. Lula L. Reeden has taken a make-up examination in course No. 505 Social Theory and has been given a grade of B.

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

June 3, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

I and the family are planning to leave Atlanta, Wednesday, June seventh. We shall return on or about Friday, September fifteenth.

Miss Diggs will have her three weeks' vacation during June and one week during July. During July she will be on duty in the office in Atlanta; during August she will be on duty with me in New York; during September she will be in Atlanta again.

I trust that the walls and ceilings of our apartment in the University Dormitories can be done over during the summer. They sorely need it.

12-B6-77

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P. S. Summer Address: June 10-July 1 - YMCA
180 West 135th Street
New York City

July 1-September 11 - 35 West 110th Street
New York City

June 5, 1939

Memo to President Clement on the proposed quarterly magazine to be published by Atlanta University:

1. Control - the magazine would of course be under the control of Atlanta University and its expenditures limited to the appropriation made, plus such income as the magazine might produce from subscriptions and advertising. I suggest that the expenditures of all moneys connected with the magazine as well as the decisions as to the lines of editorial policy etc., be placed under one board of control known at present as the editorial board. It might be well later to have the business management and the editorial control separated but at first I think this would be unnecessary machinery.

   I suggest that the board of editors be selected by the faculty, that is, (a) by the heads of departments or (b) by the professors and perhaps the assistant professors if such status is established by fall. Thus the various departments of the University would select a small editorial board of four or five persons of which the President of the University would be ex-officio member. This board would select the editor and exercise general control.

2. Expenses - a year or so ago I inquired in the various Negro institutions which are issuing journals of the cost of such journals. The Journal of Negro Education cost in 1936, $2,800. This includes no salaries. The secretary of the editor acts as business manager. Also this includes one quite large edition devoted to a symposium. The ordinary edition of the journal of 1,000 copies comprising 136 pages costs about $550. The Quarterly Review of Higher Education among Negroes at Johnson C. Smith University cost about $1,200 a year for a thousand copies. A local printer, Mr. H. S. Murphy, estimated in 1935, for a thousand copies of a journal of 150 pages, $400. We would, of course, get further and more recent estimates. There should be no editorial salaries but something would have to be paid for stenography and typewriting and for the rather simple business management which would be required at first.

   The subscription price ought not to exceed two dollars a year and possibly it should be lower. Every dime taken off the subscription price means a much larger subscription list.

3. Format - as to the physical appearance of the magazine, I think that the Arts Quarterly of Dillard University in its present dress, the Journal of Negro Education and Foreign Affairs set the best ideals. Perhaps we could not afford as good a paper as is used in Foreign Affairs and certainly not as many pages. On the other hand, I should

like something a little better than the Journal of Negro Education and a little thicker than the Arts Quarterly.

4. Name - I am enclosing one of the dummy title pages which I had printed in 1935. Perhaps the name Atlanta University Quarterly is as dignified as we could get. If possible, I should like to think of a designation a little more distinctive like: The Atlanta University Calendar, The Atlanta University Horizon, The Atlanta University Southern Cross, The Atlanta University Outlook, The Atlanta University Compendium. I shall think over the matter further and make some suggestions.

5. Time of publication - usually quarterly journals are published the first of April, July, October and January. We might vary first in order to be a little different and secondly to suit the exigencies of our situation, much depending on the time we can begin.

6. Contents - A. Articles of general interest
   B. Scientific studies touching Race and the Negro in particular
   C. Careful digest and summaries
      1. of the present status of American Negroes, the Negroes of the West Indies, South America and Africa, - their accomplishments, physique, participation in government, religion, work and income, crime, etc.
      2. A carefully annotated record of current history touching American Negroes and other Negroes and the colored races done in paragraphs with cross references and bibliographical material, and with high standards of judgment and emphasis.
      3. References to the Negro and other colored races in editorials, pronouncements, articles, etc.,
      4. Of the type and character of the news and articles carried in the Negro press
   D. Book notices, and reviews
   E. Some high class fiction and poetry
   F. A few well-executed pictures.

The above are just tentative suggestions. I am writing for further information from various institutions and shall think the matter over more carefully during vacation.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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17-28-07

June 6, 1939

Dear Dr. Clement:

I have had the enclosed correspondence with Charles Johnson of Fisk. My letter as you will note was purely personal and a matter of courtesy since we had formerly broached the subject. Will you kindly think the matter over? Of course, if it did seem to you wise to collaborate with Fisk, Fisk might add $2,000 to our $2,000 and then it is barely possible that through Johnson outside influences might bring this up to $5,000 or even $10,000. In which case we could publish something that would make the world sit up and listen. Please think this over at your leisure.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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June 6, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

In case Mr. Reid returns for the first semester, 1939-40, I suggest the annexed division of work:

Mr. Du Bois

No. 471 - African History and Culture, 3
505 - Social Theory, 3
467 - Introduction to the Social Sciences, 3 (assisting Mr. Reid)

Mr. Reid

No. 467 - Introduction to the Social Sciences, 3 (assisted by Dr. Du Bois, Mr. Chivers and others)
503 - Population Problems and Policies, 3
545 - Social Research, 3

Mr. Chivers

No. 467 - Introduction to the Social Sciences assisting Mr. Reid
443 - Social Conflict including Crime

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-33-51

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 3, 1939

My dear Mr. Coulborn:

I have just sent a memorandum to the president and venture to enclose an abstract of a part of it which has to do with Melvin D. Kennedy who was a part time teacher in history in Atlanta University last year. I thought you might be interested.

I hope you are having a pleasant summer. I am.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Rushton Coulborn
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 3, 1939

Dear President Clement: Personal

Enclosed is a memorandum concerning Melvin D. Kennedy and his wife Lyda. I presume that the matter of their employment by Atlanta University has already been settled. At any rate they have written me from Paris and I venture, without their knowledge, to quote a paragraph from Mr. Kennedy's letter: "We will not be in Atlanta next year. We will be in Chicago, where I shall finish my degree, barring any accidents. It seems that I misunderstood, for the last time what disposition was to be made of me next year. Misunderstanding or not, I shall not return to the high school again. Nor will I have any more of this indefiniteness. I do not wish the high school, nor shall I have it. After nine years my patience - or impatience, as you please - is at end. I couldn't get a precision of my work for next year before I left America. I did understand clearly, however, that I was on leave from the university. Not until the end of May was I informed that I could return to the high school if I wished. From all that I can learn, Dr. Coulborn is a worthy addition to the faculty and I congratulate the university for securing his services. But, after all, he has been there since February, and certainly it was known then that his coming would make it impossible to place me. So, even though it is very late to begin on such a project, I shall make every effort to make it go at Chicago. Had I known in time, I could have asked for a one year's extension rather than only a three month's extension of my fellowship. Oh well! the best laid plans of mice and men! But consider how it must be when the men are mice!

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I do not know how far you are cognizant of the work and character of the Kennedys; perhaps you know quite as much as I do and have taken it into account. But in case you do not and for your guidance in any future action I want to set down a few facts: Kennedy is an excellent man, quiet, conscientious and hardworking and with the making of a scholar. With any real chance I am sure the institution with which he is connected will have cause to be proud of his work. He has taught for eight or nine years in the high school. Mr. Robinson, the principal, has brains and efficiency but he is as you know a martinet with his teachers and no person of strong character and independent thought can get on with him for any length of time as a teacher under his supervision. I encouraged Kennedy to try to get work in the University and to continue his post graduate course which he did. He passed his examinations in the department of history in the University of Chicago to the surprise of many of his friends because that department is noted as having a good deal of anti-Negro prejudice. He has now only his thesis to finish. He has a good subject and has made an excellent collection of materials while abroad.

I had hoped and assumed that he was to be with us in the University next year. Of course Mr. Coulborn knows practically nothing about him. But Kennedy is the kind of man we have got to get, encourage and keep if we are going to build a real university.

Lyda Kennedy is to my mind the only person connected with the boarding department who thoroughly understands the work and has the executive ability to carry it through. She has worked under great disadvantages and with restricted opportunity. I had hoped she was returning this year. Miss Williams, who had charge last year, was a person of excellent intentions but utterly unable to cope with our dining room problems. The students and student waiters walked over her, the waiters whistled, sang and yelled in the kitchen so as to be clearly heard in the dining room. The dining rooms were dirty and the meals were seldom on time. I am very sorry Mrs. Kennedy is not to return.

I write to put this version of the facts before you for your information in any future action you may take.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 7, 1939

Dear Dr. Clement:

We have decided that Mrs. Du Bois and my granddaughter will not return to Atlanta University next year. The experiment of educating Du Bois in Oglethorpe has not been successful and it seems to us much the wiser thing to have her return to the private school which she attended last year and where she seems happy and able to make encouraging progress.

I shall have therefore to give up at least for the present my idea of having most of my family resident in Atlanta and change the arrangement for boarding and lodging. I shall want for the year 1939-40 only the suite of two rooms and b th and board for myself at the regular charge of $60. If, however, the extra room Mrs. Du Bois fitted up as a kitchen and dining room could be retained so that I would have a place for refrigerator, table and electric stove without service or use of University furniture, I should like it provided the charge was $8 a month, as in the case of the last extra rooms you assigned me. The furniture which belongs to us would be sent back North but it would take several months to arrange this as we were able to find a place for it. I should want, therefore, to store it if I could in some unused room of the dormitory without charge. If this would be impossible, I should of course have to make other arrangements.

I write of these matters in time so as to make your own plans and dispositions concerning the dormitory as easy as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 9, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Apartment 5-B
35 West 110th Street
New York, New York

Dear Doctor DuBois:

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President Clement will appreciate your informing him so early of your requirements for dormitory space during the coming school year.

Your letter of August 7 will be brought to his attention upon his return to the office.

Sincerely yours

C. T. Crocker

Secretary

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

3617 Haynie Ave.
Dallas, Texas-

8/12/39.

Dear Mr. Du Bois,

Many thanks for the copy of your memorandum to President Clement about Melvin D. Kennedy. His attainments have frequently been mentioned to me by Mr. Bacote and others. I do not know what he is working on, but shall make it my business to find out next session.

There is not any doubt that another man (in any history field) could be used profitably at Morehouse, but, in the present situation, the greatest need is for a political scientist. Next year we plan to tide over the political science situation by getting Dr. Dean to give a course in political theory and by a couple of other shifts. I have, however, notified President Clement that the moment money is available I shall press hard for a full time political scientist. A couple of men, one of whom is Dr. W. C. Hueston Jr. (of Howard) have been recommended to me.

You may rest assured, however, that, if I can see any way of making use of Mr. Kennedy's talents without upsetting the political science plans, I shall take it.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to let me have short reading lists (for use of students) of 10 or a dozen books or so for your Negro History and Culture courses, and also for your Asiatic Civilization course. I should like to know too whether the last will be given next session or in 1940-41. The history department is getting out a little pamphlet about its work and would like to mention your courses and to include book-lists as for other courses.

I am surprised to note in your memorandum that the University of Chicago history department has considerable anti-Negro prejudice. I do not, of course, know all the members of that department who teach American History, but I do know those who teach European and English and have — this very summer

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

– discussed race questions with two of them. I found no such prejudice — on the contrary. I shall want to talk to you about this when we meet.

We have had a pleasant, if rather strenuous, summer. My wife joins me in kindest regards to yourself and to Mrs. DuBois.

Yours very sincerely,

Rushton Coulborn.

P.S. I make bold to ask if I may have the book lists during the vacation; I am trying to complete a draft of the pamphlet forthwith for circulation to those concerned with the object of completing the pamphlet, if possible, before the session opens.

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35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 26, 1939

My dear President Clement:

I have been cudgeling my brain this summer over a suitable name for our projected periodical. It must be a distinctive name and ought not to repeat the stereotyped form of ATLANTA UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY or THE JOURNAL OF ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, etc. This suggestion has just occured to me. I have not thoroughly made up my mind as to whether it will be suitable or not but I should like to have you think it over - HOPE: AN ATLANTA UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY.

I am expecting to arrive in Atlanta, Sunday, September seventeenth.

Very sincerely yours,

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 30, 1939

12-36-81

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I am writing to inform you that the first faculty meeting for the academic year 1939-40 will be held in the Conference Room, Administration Building, on Saturday evening, September 16, at 7:00 o'clock.

Please arrange to be present.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
35 West 110th Street
New York
New York

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 7, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

With reference to your letter of August 7, we shall be glad to let you have the use of the extra room near your suite in the dormitory. If you take the room without service or the use of University furniture, the charge will be eight dollars a month.

Your personal furniture may be stored here without charge until such time as you are able to send it North.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Apartment 5 B
35 West 110th Street
New York, New York

REC:C

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17-33-54

September 20, 1939

Memo to Mr. Coulborn:

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to send you the following references:

AFRICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
Text - Du Bois, BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW
Reference books - Delafosse, Negroes of Africa
Huxley, Africa View
Westermann, The African Today
Mair, Native Policies in Africa
Olivier, White Capital and Colored Labor
Padmore, How Britain Rules Africa
Oldham, White and Black in Africa

ASIATIC HISTORY AND CULTURE
Text - Gowan, Asia, A Short History
Reference books - Durant, Story of Civilization
Dennery, Asia's Teeming Millions
Mathews, The Clash of Colour
Muret, The Twilight of the White Races
Miller, The Beginnings of Tomorrow
Portheim, Paul Cohen - Message of Asia

Mr. Rushton Coulborn
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 20, 1939

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

12-36-83

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am asking you to serve as a member of the Committee on Graduate Study for the academic year 1939-1940.

Mr. Whittaker is the chairman of this committee and will inform you when the first meeting will be held.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Mr. William E. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

September 20, 1939

Memo to President Clement on the activities of
W. E. B. Du Bois - June 5 to September 16, 1939

Starting June fifth I drove to New York with my wife and grandchild resting there until July fifteenth. From July fifteenth to July twenty-ninth, I was in camp in Maine. During the month of August, I rented an office at 200 West 135th Street, New York, where Miss Diggs joined me and we worked on my new book DUSK OF DAWN and other literary work until September first. September first to tenth I rested in New York and on September eleventh began driving South stopping at Baltimore, Washington, Warrenton, Lynchburg and Asheville arriving in Atlanta, September sixteenth.

During the summer the following literary work done by me before the end of school appeared in print: "The Negro Scientist" in the American Scholar, volume 8, number 3, twelve pages; "Where Do We Go From Here", Journal of Negro Education, volume 8, number 3, chapter 24, twenty pages. During the summer I made an address at the New York International House at the last assembly of the summer school students on "Colonies".

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President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 21, 1939

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. William E. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Thank you for your memo of September 20 relating to your activities during the summer. It appears that your time was both pleasantly and profitably used.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

47-13-244

September 22, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

17-36-84

Enclosed is my check for $68, payment for room and board in Atlanta University Dormitory due September 30. I shall pay it this way in advance in or er that no deduction be made in my monthly checks which complicates my bookkeeping.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

September 26, 1939

Memo to Dean Mitchell
Dean Gibson

Miss Hilda Grayson has permission to use the library in the sociological department on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 10:30.

W. E. B. Du Bois

CATALOG

September 26, 1939

Memo to the President concerning the proposed quarterly magazine to be published by Atlanta University

By W. E. B. Du Bois in consultation with Dr. Reid and Dr. Cook:

1. The method of control - correspondence has been carried on with the following colleges as to the method in which they control their publications:

Harvard University - "Several of the Departments at Harvard have publication funds of their own and administer these funds according to their own rules. Practically each one of these departments has a Publication Committee appointed by the Department itself from among its own members. . . . All publications issued by the Harvard University Press must be passed upon by the Board of Syndics. This is a group of eight Professors appointed for a term of three years, the appointments being staggered in such a way that two or three are renewed or replaced each year. This Board has practically nothing to do with the business end of the Press. The director of the Press must not accept any manuscript that the Board votes upon adversely, and he may (usually does) publish any manuscript that the Board votes upon favorably. In the case of manuscripts approved by the Publication Committee of other Departments of the University, the Board usually passes a confirming vote; this is done in order to preserve the theory, at least, that the Board of Syndics controls the publication of all manuscripts bearing the Harvard University Press imprint."

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University of Chicago -

"The President of the University appoints the Managing Editor of each of the journals published by the University. The usual procedure is for our General Editor and the Head of the Department concerned to agree on the most likely candidate. The name is then submitted to the Board of University Publications, after which a definite recommendation is made to the President. The Managing Editor selects his own associates. However, those appointments are usually made after consultation with the General Editor of the Press.

The general policy is for the Managing Editor to operate each journal according to his own best judgment. In the securing and selection of manuscripts he receives a great deal of assistance from the Editorial Board. His is the final authority to accept or reject manuscripts and to determine the contents of his journal. The University annually appropriates a subvention for the journal. This is handled by the Publication Department of the Press in consultation with the Editor. We set up an annual budget and each Editor is expected to operate his journal within the budget."

Howard University - Journal of Negro Education -

"The Editorial Board of the Journal was selected practically automatically, in view of the fact that the Journal was the product of the Department of Education of Howard University. Thus all members of the Department of Education became members of the board and they, in turn, set up bases for additions. The powers of this board are practically ultimate, so far as editorial policy is concerned, although they have not been defined by the administration of the University. To date the board has been given practically free hand in determining such matters. I might add that the Journal is subsidized specifically by University funds rather than by government or foundation funds, and in this way we are free to follow the liberal policy described above."

Florida A and M College - Quarterly Journal -

"The publication committee of the Quarterly Journal is selected by the president of the college and this committee exercises full power to determine the policies of the magazine."

In view of the above testimony and procedure I would suggest two possible procedures: a. that the President of Atlanta University appoint an editorial board of four or five members to take charge of the quarterly and that board elect an editor-in-chief;
b. that the President appoint an editor-in-chief, who should nominate a board to be confirmed by the President.

2. The following name for the quarterly is suggested:

PHYLON

The Atlanta University
~~Journal~~ Review of Race and Culture

(is the Greek word for race)
Issued quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October
$1 a year - 25¢ a copy

(signed) W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

October 4, 1939

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I know of no unpleasantness in regard to D. L. Smith but would recommend his rejection simply on the basis of inadequate preparation, particularly in English, for a degree from Atlanta University.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University

17-27-25

October 19, 1939

My dear Mr. Banks: Personal and Confidential

A bird has informed me that you are going to be in Atlanta next week. We seem somehow to have struck a snag with regard to the proposed quarterly magazine. The President called on me personally in New York this summer and told me that the appropriation of two thousand dollars was available and asked me to make plans. I sent him September 26, the enclosed memorandum and also a little later the enclosed dummy. I have not heard a single word since. I thought you ought to know this.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

October 20, 1939

17-23-222

My dear Mr. Whittaker:

Please pardon the discourtesy of my early withdrawal last night. I would like to have heard your talk but so much time was wasted on trivialities that I was due to go to bed.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

November 4, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

Mr. R. R. Wright without solicitation tendered the enclosed check of one hundred dollars as a contribution to the publication fund of a quarterly journal by Atlanta University.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

17-28-09

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 6, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

This is to acknowledge your note of November 4, and the enclosed check for $100.00, which was Major R. R. Wright's contribution to the publication fund of a quarterly journal by Atlanta University.

Major Wright is certainly to be commended for his generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 10, 1939

17-35-11

TO: Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

FROM: Ira De A. Reid

In case the revolution comes before I return : I shall be out of the city on Monday, November 13, but have made arrangements for my classes

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[ATIANTA U]

November 17, 1939

Suggestions to the President concerning the projected Atlanta University Quarterly:

1. CONTROL - that the editing and publishing of the magazine be under an editorial board appointed by the President and consisting of the President ex officio and the following persons who for the most part are those members of the Atlanta University faculty who hold the degree of doctor of philosophy: (The board of editors arranged alphabetically)

W. Stanley Braithwaite, Literature, Litt.D., Talladega
W. Mercer Cook, Modern Languages, Ph.D., Brown
W. H. Dean, Jr., Economics, Ph.D., Harvard
W. E. B. Du Bois, Sociology, Ph.D., Harvard
Oran W. Eagleson, Psychology and Education, Ph.D., Indiana
Samuel M. Nabrit, Biology, Ph.D., Brown
Joseph A. Pierce, Mathematics, Ph.D., Michigan
Ira De A. Reid, Sociology, Ph.D., Columbia

Of the above the President has designated Mr. Du Bois as editor-in-chief and it is suggested that Mr. Reid be managing editor. This board would select an auxiliary board of contributing editors (about five or six in number) from outside institutions.

2. The magazine should be called "PHYLON, The Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture". It should be issued quarterly in January, April, July and October of each year. The subscription price should be low enough to bring it within the reach of the poor; probably one dollar a year or twenty-five cents a copy. It should be printed on good paper with an initial edition of one thousand and each issue containing one hundred to one hundred and fifty pages.

3. CONTENTS - the magazine should print:

a. special scientific studies and monographs which could be afterward issued as the Phylon reprints
b. short articles of general interest
c. carefull reviews of important books and shorter book notices
d. a carefully selected and annotated chronicle of the happenings and opinions touching race, race relations and cultural advancement forming a continuous, reliable and comprehensive history of such developments
e. a few illustrations of historical persons and events and of matters of current interest
f. a page or half page of carefully selected poetry and when available a few pages of fiction.

The magazine should be well printed on good paper so as to make a dignified and impressive appearance. The tone of the magazine should be scientific and expository and at the same time give place to honest and clear convictions. It should have a distinct literary flavor stressing good English and good art.

4. The financial basis of the magazine will consist of an appropriation of two thousand dollars from Atlanta University which will cover the four issues of the magazine during the year 1940 and the University will be asked to renew this appropriation annually as a regular item in its budget. A special effort will be made to secure a substantial number of subscriptions from the very beginning especially from the graduates of Atlanta University and Morehouse. The effort will also be made to secure advertisements of a high order at a rate based on proven circulation.

   The editorial board will select a business manager first from its own members and later, if possible, from the outside, provided a salary or part salary can be secured for him.

   All monies received will be deposited in a bank under the name of the magazine and withdrawn on properly signed checks. The University appropriation will be paid into this fund at the rate of five hundred dollars on the first of each quarter. All expenditures from the University appropriation and other funds shall be accounted for by signed vouchers which shall go to the President and Treasurer of the University for final approval. The editorial board will be responsible for any funds expended in case the vouchers therefor are not approved.

5. The office of the magazine for the year 1940 shall be at 209 and 210 Administration Building with Miss Diggs as the clerk in charge. For this reason and for the added work of the department, it is urged that beginning July 1, 1940, Miss Diggs be a permanent secretary at a salary of $1,800.

6. It is suggested that immediate effort be begun to secure additional funds and gifts for the magazine. Already Dr. R. R. Wright has given one hundred dollars. I plan, with the President's consent, to write to both the General Educat on Board and the Carnegie Foundation to see if they would not each contribute a thousand dollars for five years toward the magazine.

7. Very little time is left us now for the arduous work of preparing for the first number of the magazine. I would be very glad therefore if the President could talk over these suggestions with me either Saturday, November 18, or Monday.

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

November 21, 1939

17-19-34

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Do you care to answer this? I believe you know more about it than I do.

John P. Whittaker

[ENCLOSURE]

17-19-35

898 Florida Street

Memphis, Tennessee

November 20, 1939

Atlanta University

Department of Research

Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen;

I am writing a thesis on the Negro's Contribution to the Feild of Sociology; I am interested only in the research work that the Negro has done.

Since Atlanta University ia a pioneer in this field, I would like to know something of the history of your research department, namely: when the University began research work, why it engaged in it, your most outstanding investigations, your most recent investigations, and whether or not you have any investigations in progress?

I shall appreciate receiving this information at your earliest convenience; thanking you for any assistance you may give, I am

Yours respectfully,

Willette Humphrey

(MRS.) WILLETTE HUMPHREY

November 22, 1939

17-36-85

Memo to President Clement:

I am speaking at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Sunday which will make me absent from classes Friday and Monday. The classes however have been provided for. Also I have been asked to speak at Alabama State College, Friday, December first.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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RANK

A person appointed to the University faculty will be assigned to one of the three following ranks or grades: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Professor.

Instructors

A person will not be appointed to the rank of instructor at Atlanta University who has not already been awarded a Master's degree or an equivalent professional degree from an accredited institution.

An individual must show promise of competency in the teaching profession if he has not already had several years of teaching experience.

The individual must be a person of good character.

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Assistant Professors

Before a person is appointed to an assistant professorship, he shall have earned the degree of Master of Arts or its equivalent from a recognized university, and must have credit for at least two additional years of graduate study above the Master's degree.

The individual must have a successful teaching or professional experience of at least five years.

He must be a person of good character, and should have proved his ability as a teacher.

Professors

A professor at Atlanta University should have earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or its equivalent. He must have had at least ten years of successful teaching or professional experience.

He must be a person of good character, who has been successful as a teacher or as an eminent researchist.

Demonstrated competency of a high order may be substituted for either academic degrees or teaching experience or both. This regulation will apply, however, only in exceptional cases, and must not be regarded as a regular procedure.

TENURE

The following principles governing the tenure of faculty and staff members of Atlanta University are approved by the Board of Trustees:

Instructors

Initial and all subsequent appointments in this rank shall be for one year.

Assistant Professors

Initial appointments shall be for one year.

Subsequent appointments shall be for three years.

Professors

Initial appointments shall be for one year.

Subsequent appointment shall be for a period of five years. Upon re-appointment at the end of the five-year term, professors shall serve continuously until such time as they reach the age of retirement.

In the case of promotion of a person already within the University from one rank to another, the probationary regulation of one year is waived.

Administrative officers and assistants

Administrative officers and assistants shall be subject to annual appointment upon the recommendation of the President.

Other employees

Other University employees are not to be appointed for definite periods, but shall serve subject to the will of the administration.

Any employee of the University, regardless of rank or tenure, may be removed for cause at any time.

In case of removal for cause, a person with tenure may request and will receive a hearing before the Executive or a special committee of the Board of Trustees of the University.

November, 1939.

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December 4, 1939

My dear Mr. Banks:

Elizabeth sneaked off from us and I did not know she was gone. We had talked over plans of coming down and these plans I have not yet given up. You know that we have a short vacation between semesters extending from January 20 to January 30. I was thinking that if the time suits you, I might come down and deliver two or three lectures at Prairie View or near by. If I came I should bring Miss Diggs and Mrs. Duncan, if they could come, and at the last minute I should heap coals of fire on the head of Elizabeth and bring her too. But first of all, how would this time suit your schedule and what would I dare charge you for services?

I presume you already know that at last the Atlanta University review is in process of beginning publication. We have had a first meeting of our editorial board and I am editor-in-chief. I am writing all around the country for printers prices and other matters. I have communicated with the General Education Board and I think we may be able to get some help there. Also I have written the Carnegie Fund. The President came in and was very frank about his troubles in getting the matter over. I shall let you know of our further progress and you will let me know when you are coming by.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

[Atlanta U]

December 4, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

1. I have a letter from Jackson Davis which I should like to have you see.

2. I have talked with Mr. Dean and Mr. Coulborn has been in. I think they are right in asking that history and economics be represented upon our editorial board even at the risk of having a board a little too large. I should be glad if they both could be appointed. With regard to the School of Social Work: I do not think the argument is valid. That is in the nature of a professional school and their subject matter is represented by our department of sociology. I should be glad to talk these matters over with you today or tomorrow if you have the time.

I am asked to attend a metting of the Encyclopaedia board in New York, Friday and Saturday of this week.

11-13-101

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 5, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Beginning December 15, 1939, the doors to the Men's Dormitory will be locked after 11:00 o'clock at night. The watchman will make his rounds on regular schedule and will admit students and faculty members who may happen to be out after this hour.

For the convenience of teachers and staff members, the University will make available keys to the entrance door. These keys will be issued from the President's Office upon receipt of a deposit of one dollar (refundable when keys are returned at the end of the school year), and with the understanding that the key is for the use of the renter only and is not transferable.

In case of loss of a key, please notify the President's Office immediately.

12-36-86

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC:C

I have keys to both of the front doors of the main dormitory - Unless the locks are to be changed.

SUPPORT

For meeting expenses we have:

1. Appropriation of $2,000 from Atlanta University to cover the year 1940

2. Contribution of $100 R. R. Wright, oldest living graduate of Atlanta University

3. I have applied to the General Education Board and to the Carnegie Foundation for help. I have an answer from the General Education Board which I will read.

4. I propose later to make a special appeal to graduates of Atlanta University, Morehouse and Spelman and to members of the three faculties for subscriptions.

5. I have given the publicity office of Atlanta University a note on the future magazine for general publicity.

CONTRIBUTORS

I have sent out letters to nineteen members of the faculties of the affiliated institutions making a general request for contributions. I propose that this be followed up by personal interviews on the part of the members of the editorial board.

December 5, 1939

Atlanta University announces the publication of a quarterly magazine beginning with January, 1940. This will be in a sense a resumption of the old Atlanta University publications which were issued annually for eighteen years between 1897 and 1914. The present quarterly will be called PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture." PHYLON is from the Greek word meaning "race" and the sub-title indicates broadly the scope of the magazine. It is trying to treat the race problems of the South, of the United States and of the world not so much as problems of physical and hereditary differences as problems of culture and cultural development. For this purpose President Clement as been authorized by the Board of Trustees to make available a small appropriation and to appoint an editorial board which will have charge of the publication." Dr. Clement is himself ex officio member of this board and has appointed Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois (Ph.D., sociology, Harvard) as editor-in-chief. Dr. Ira DeA Reid (Ph.D., sociology, Columbia) will serve as managing editor. The other members of the editorial board are as follows: W. Stanley Braithwaite, (Litt.D., Talladega College); William H. Dean, Economics, (Ph.D., Harvard); Rushton Coulborn, History, (Ph.D., University of London); Oran W. Eagleson, Psychology, Indiana University; W. Mercer Cook, Modern Languages, (Ph.D., Brown University).

A board of contributing editors resident outside the University will also be appointed. The magazine will have the cooperation of a score of other scholars and specialists who are members of the faculties of Atlanta University and its affiliated institutions: Spelman College, Morehouse College, the Atlanta University School of Social Work, and also Morris Brown and Clark University.

The quarterly will be modest in size, one hundred to one hundred fifty pages, well printed and carrying a few illustrations. The editorial board wishes to

make it both scientific and popular. It will always carry two or three monographs or articles of high and accurate scientific value and at the same time it will publish some literature and poetry and articles and chronicles designed to interpret science to the average reader. There will be book notices and book reviews. The price of the publication will be low and support is solicited not only from graduates and friends of the University and affiliated institutions but also from the general public.

December 5, 1939

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December 6, 1939

My dear President Clement:

At the first meeting of the editorial board of PHYLON you mentioned an article which had been returned from the AMERICAN MERCURY. Could we consider it for the first number of PHYLON? Kindly let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

December 7, 1939

Memo to President Clement: In re: the locking of the Atlanta University Dormitories

I have had for several years keys to the Atlanta University Dormitories and unless the locks to the front doors are changed, I shall not need others.

May I, however, say a word concerning this? The dormitory doors ought to be locked at a reasonable hour at night and keys furnished teachers and staff while the students enter by means of the janitor. This policy was inaugurated two or three years ago and then given up. The chief reason is that neither of the two front doors are in sufficient repair to make it practicable to keep them locked. It is easy to pick them with a pen knife and this is done regularly in the case of the south door. Even pieces of both doors have been deliberately broken off in order to affect entrance. If, therefore, this regulation is to be effective two things must be done: first, the doors must be thoroughly and carefully repaired and secondly, severe penalties must be made and enforced in the case of breaking in and damaging the property.

12-36-87

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-28-10

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Thank you for your memorandum calling my attention to the condition of the locks on the doors at the Men's Dormitory. I shall see that they are in order before the new regulations go into effect.

Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

[Atlanta University]

17-28-46

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

At the November meeting of the Atlanta University faculty, I announced that the Board of Trustees had approved the schedule of rank and tenure for University faculty members. I am enclosing a copy of the rank and tenure provisions.

I am glad to inform you that, in conformity with the new schedule, you have been appointed Professor of Sociology for a period of five years, beginning July 1, 1939, at a salary of $6,500 per year, to be paid in 12 equal monthly instalments.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

REC.C
Enclosure

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

This contract accepted

W.E.B DuBois

Dec 12, 1939

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

ATLANTA U

December 14, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

1. I am sending herewith four drafts of letters to the members of the board of contributing editors. Possibly it would be more regular for you to write the letters without my name appearing but as you suggested this method I am sending these for your agreement or rejection.

2. I am sending a tentative draft of the title page of PHYLON. I hesitated as to whether your name as president of the University ought not to precede mine but concluded that on the other hand it would apparently put more responsibility for the magazine on your shoulders than would be proper. Please criticize this in any way you will.

3. I am more and more impressed with the wisdom of asking Ruth Fisher to join our board of contributing editors. Her position in Europe makes her the highest official representative of American cultural life on the continent. She was appointed by the late John F. Jameson, celebrated historian connected with the Library of Congress. First she was assigned to Great Britain and then to Great Britain and the continent. All historical scholars who want to work in Europe and especially want guidance in the libraries are referred to her. Through her I met Malinowski, the leading anthropologist, and had dinner with him in her apartment. She is a graduate and A. M. of Oberlin, a co-worker with Harold Laski and knows most of the leaders in British intellectual life. I am strongly of the opinion that if her name and cooperation could be secured it would greatly help us.

47-12-98

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

December 14, 1939

Dear President Clement:

In applying for aid from the Social Science Research Council, I have ventured to give your name as reference in a project, an outline of which I enclose.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Ira De A. Reid
Rushton Coulborn
Anson Phelps Stokes
Rayford W. Logan

December 15, 1939

Memo to President Clement:

At the meeting of the editorial board of PHYLON, December fifth, "It was decided that the final decision on the matter of subscription price be decided by the President of the University and the editor-in-chief."

I am still thoroughly sold to the idea of making a subscription price of one dollar and the selling price twenty-five or thirty-five cents per copy. I think that we might advertise this the first year as an introductory offer which would be increased the second year. Then by the second year we would be in position to see whether increase was necessary or whether our policy of cheap and wide circulation was preferable. The difference between one and two dollars is much more important than most people realize and one dollar and a half is a very difficult sum to remit through the mails. Under no circumstances can a magazine meet its expenses through its subscription list. In the most widely circulated magazines the subscription list is actually a liability rather than a source of income. The chief income being from advertisements. In our case I think that in the long run the magazine is going to cost about four thousand dollars a year; that one-half of this and perhaps a little more can be gotten from subscriptions and advertisements; and that the rest will be in the nature of a subvention from the University. In that case I think it would be excellent to sell a magazine that costs forty cents for twenty-five cents regarding the contribution by the University as a legitimate gift to a worthy and important cuase and as an advertisement of the character of our work.

I shall be glad to know your feelings in this matter.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Contributing editors

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 19, 1939

Dear Doctor DuBois:

1. I am glad to have you use my name as reference in a project which you are presenting to the Social Science Research Council.

2. I have signed the letters inviting the four people we decided upon to accept membership on the board of contributing editors of PHYLON.

3. From what you say about Miss Ruth Fisher, I certainly think that she should be asked to join the board of contributing editors.

4. I agree with you that the subscription price of PHYLON should be $1.00 per year and the selling price 35¢ per copy.

5. Regarding the title page of PHYLON: Reddick has his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in History. I believe that we should include this since we have listed the academic degrees of the other editors. Your name should certainly head the whole group as the Editor-in-Chief. Not because of any desire on my part but on account of the specific action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in desiring that the President of the University should be a regular member of the editorial staff during the early days of the magazine, I would suggest that you delete "ex officio" appearing over the name of the President of the University.

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Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

December 20, 1939

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Memo to Mr. Cook:

Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon of Spelman is very anxious to join the AAUP. Please get in touch with her.

Mr. Mercer Cook
Atlanta University

17-28-25

December 21, 1939

Memo to Mr. Cook:

I understand that mirabile dictu you have found only one error in BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW. Please hasten to let me know what it is. Confidentially there are others which you have not found.

Mr. Mercer Cook
Atlanta University

[1939?]

Project of a Journal of Negro Sociology

Cost: Printing and binding 1,000 copies four times a year $1,600.00. This is Murphy's estimate in Atlanta. I am seeking to secure further figures from the Journal of Negro Education at Howard and other sources. To this must be added postage, clerical work, and the salary of the business manager. The total cost would be between $2,000.00 and $2,500.00 a year.

This cost might be raised by:

a. subscriptions of persons in the Departments of Sociology, Economics, and History of Atlanta University

b. subscriptions by persons in the city of Atlanta interested in such a publication

c. subscriptions in other universities like Fisk and Talladega who might want to cooperate, and

d. subvention by Atlanta University.

My idea is to start the Journal and have it carried on for two years by a, b, and c, with the idea that eventually Atlanta University would assume the whole cost.

During the first two years the incomes from subscriptions and sales might go for

a. payment for articles

b. certain graphs and illustrations.

Date of Publication:

Usually quarterly journals are published on the first of April, July, October, and January. I suggest that by way of variation we might attempt publication June 1, of this year, then September 1, December 1, and March 1.

Contents:

We have among American Negroes today no authentic record with set standards of judgment concerning events and tendencies among Negroes and the colored races. I propose that one of the main features of this Journal of Sociology would be

A. An improved variation of what used to be "Along the Color Line" in the *Crisis*;

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that is, a series of paragraphs with authentic statements concerning the essential happenings among colored people, with cross references to former printed mention and to periodicals and literature of all sorts. Care would be taken to verify facts and dates with high standards of inclusion and judgment. These paragraphs could be divided into sections by subject and locality and have interesting illustrations by pictures and graphs.

B. Careful notes on contemporary biography; the effort to get facts concerning persons who are doing important work, following up the lives of well-known people, and especially picking out new figures and new accomplishment.

C. Follow-up of the ten year cycle of subjects established by the old Atlanta University publications. They were designed to cover periodical studies of ten year periods touching Negro Health and Physique, Negro Education, Negro in Industry, the Negro Church, Negro Crime, Negroes in Government and Politics, etc.

D. There should be other scientific and statistical studies. I should also incline to publication of some fiction and poetry illustrating the psychological and sociological development of the Negro mind. Of course, we would have to be careful and not entrench upon the projected Dillard publication.

The primary questions are:

1. could we get a sufficient number of persons to agree to support such a publication for two years without the help of the University?

2. what would be the wisest procedure to secure eventual University assistance and at the same time avoid interminable delay in beginning this enterprise?

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Memorandum of the proposed organization of the Editorial Staff:

Three consultations with Dr. Alvin Johnson and several talks with other persons have materially modified my own idea of the character and function of the editorial board of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I was at first thinking rather in terms of a periodical where a board of consultants from time to time lay down the general policy and specific applications of it. I have now come to the conclusion that the editorial board of an encyclopaedia is an executive organization of experts, familar with the fields which they have studied and with the principal authorities and writers in those fields. The main problem of an encyclopaedia is not so much then a problem of policy as a problem of accurate and balanced reflection of established fact and current opinion. The opinions must be expressed by the various writers of articles and the problem of the editors is to secure by their selection of writers the most accurate reflection of current scientific conclusion. Some matters of major decision will have to be answered by the editorial board such as for instance what is understood by the word Negro; but such decisions would be made only after consultation with a wide selection of competent advisers in the particular field in question. Thus for the most part the editorial board of an encyclopaedia is not so much a center of opinion as of executive methods of adequately presenting others' opinions. The problem is, therefore, to have the board representative not so much of different schools or areas of thought as knowledge of what science has done in studying the Negro.

Dr. Johnson suggested a division of the fields of work and I added some criticisms and changes necessary for this particular subject, to which he readily assented. We finally agreed upon the following set-up:

A. Editor-in-chief
B. Associate Editor
C. Seven assistant editors in the following fields:
   1. Africa and anthropology
   2. History and sociology
   3. Economics
   4. West Indies, South America and Asia
   5. Education and religion
   6. Literature and art
   7. Biography

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These fields would overlap in various ways and degrees. Anthropology would consider not only Africa but the Negro in the western world. History and sociology would take into account not only American but West Indian and African conditions; and the same would be true of economics. Education and religion are bracketed together because of their historical connection both in the United States and Africa. Asia has been bracketed with the West Indies and South America for want of a better place; probably it would come in only for incidental treatment.

The idea would be to have this working group of experts continuously employed selecting subjects and writers, planning articles as to length and content, corresponding and consulting so as to get the articles done on time, and reading and criticizing so as to eliminate mistakes and overlapping. Young, well trained, hard working men on full time would be needed to head these departments.

The real knowledge of the subject would be possessed by the writers of the various articles and the general body of advisers. The selection of these writers would be a matter for the editors in consultation with a large number of advisers in the different fields. In this way we could hope to get the best persons at work. The editorial work and office of the encyclopaedia presents itself then rather as a business and executive organization more than a place of study and speculation. Only in this way I am convinced can a quick workman-like job be done which would reflect the best scientific opinion within a reasonable time and at a given cost.

The best working definition of the word Negro

We are attempting this year a rather broad inquiry into what the word Negro must mean in this encyclopaedia. In America we have a well understood working definition, that is, persons of evident or acknowledge descent from the darker races of Africa.

In consultation last year with various European anthropologists I was continually reminded of quite different definitions of the word in other parts of the world. Professor Westermann of Berlin for instance would not include under "Negro" any Asiatics; he would exclude Hottentots and Bushmen and the so-called Hamites of the north central part of Africa, many of whom are the darkest people of the world. Seligman in his book on the "Races of Africa" excludes not only the Hottentots and Bushmen but the Bantu and the Hamites and confines his word Negro to "true Negroes" in West Africa and finds there a large infiltration of other blood. In the West Indies it is well known that the word "Negro" does not include persons of mixed blood.

It will be necessary therefore for us to settle on a working definition and a definition if possible which will clear up certain inconsistent uses of the word. If we divide the races of man into black, white and yellow then into the black race must go all the peoples of Africa except the recent white immigrants and the Berbers and Arabs and their descendants of the north and northeast. When, however, we use the word Negro race interchangeably with black race which most people ordinarily do, there come continued discrepancies; so that black people of the Nile, black people of Abyssinia, black people of Uganda and black people of South Africa are continually referred to even by scientists as not being of the Negro race. That, however, involves a definition of Negro much narrower than any corresponding definition of the Caucasion or Mongolian. All Caucasians are not blue eyed and yellow haired and tall of stature. All Mongolians are not yellow, slant eyed and straight haired. But all Negroes apparently must be not only dark skinned but have hair of a precise degree of curliness and facial and head forms of an extreme type and in other ways correspond to a minute and largely stereotyped form. A recent author quotes Vergil as scientifically true today:

"Torta comam, labroque tumens et fusca colorem,
Pectore lata, iacens mammis, compressior alvo
Cruribus exilis, spatiosa prodiga planta,"

Manifestly one is talking in the first place of broad divisions of mankind subject to infinite variation and in the other case of a special and on the whole unusual type of man even in Africa. To clear up these matters we will search for past and current definitions and correspond with present authorities. Finally we hope to decide upon a reasonable and clear cut definition according to current usuage or logical and desirable usuage.

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Dept of Sociology

SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY

1939

Feb 8 - DuBois

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22 - Miss Iggs

March 1 - Probability of War

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

PROPOSED COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

First Semester, 1939-40

Mr. Du Bois

No. 471 - African History and Culture, 3

505 - Social Theory, 3

467 - Introduction to the Social Sciences
(assisting Mr. Chivers)

Mr. Chivers

467 - Introduction to the Social Sciences, 3
(assisted by Dr. Du Bois, Mr. Coulborn, Mr. Eagleson, Mr. Dean and others)) Reid

~~503 - Population Problems and Policies, 3~~

543 - Social Conflict including Crime, 3

Mr. Pierce

477 - Principles and Methods of Statistics, 3

May 25, 1939

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

HISTORY 468 - THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN LIFE

Schedule of Lectures

Second Semester - 1938-1939

Time: 3:45 p.m. Place: Tapley 312
Spelman Campus

I	Introduction	Bacote	February 1
II	African Background	DuBois	February 3, 6, 8
III	Latin America and the Caribbean	Clement	February 10,15,17
IV	Negro in France	Cook	February 20
V	Negro in North America		
	(a) Early Status	) Curry	February 22,24,27
	(b) Slavery: Economic and Political	)	
VI	Reconstruction: Economic and Political	DuBois	March 1,3,6
VII	Negro Citizenship	Bacote	March 8, 10, 13
VIII	Negro Church and Its Leaders	Hubert	March 15,17,20
IX	Negro Education - Past and Present	Whittaker	March 22, 24, 27
X	The Secret Orders - Lodges and Fraternities	Lewis	March 29
XI	Economics of Negro Life		
	(a) Rise of Racial Capitalism	Milton	March 31
	(b) Black Labor	Blayton	April 5
	(c) Adventures in Collectives and Cooperatives	Hope	April 7
XII	The Negro Press	Curry	April 10
XIII	Negro Authors	(Braithwaite	April 12
		(Tillman	April 14
		(Chandler	April 17
		(Cook	April 19
XIV	Negro in the Theater	Ross	April 21, 24
XV	Negro in the Fine Arts	Woodruff	April 26
XVI	Negro in Music	Harreld)	April 28, May 1,3
		James)	
XVII	Negro Scientist	Nabrit)	May 5, 8
		Huggins)	
XVIII	Conflict Problems in Negro History	Chivers	May 10
	(a) Anti-Negro Groups	Washington	May 12
	(b) Inter-racial Movements	Moron	May 15
XIX	Summary	Bacote	May 17

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Draft

Copy [1939?]

Memo to the President:

The following matters concerning Atlanta University should from time to time be considered:

1. There has been for sometime no adequate thought and planning given to the role which Atlanta University should play; just what work it should cover; how it should expand; and in particular just how it can become a real center of culture and creative scholarship.

2. There is as yet no inner University organization. There are no professors and no line between associate professors and instructors. Appointments are made ostensibly from year to year although President Hope's commitments have assumed permanent tenure in the case of several persons. There is no University Faculty and no faculty meetings. The so-called University Faculty is an amorphous body which in the last year and a half has had only perfunctory meetings. For example a meeting to hear a lecture by a Columbia University professor and a meeting to vote degrees. There should be, of course, at the earliest possible moment a faculty so constituted as to be of responsible membership, able and desired to discuss University problems and ideals. It should be a comparatively small and compact body and membership in it should be a distinct honor.

A beginning has been made in the organization of departments but only a beginning. Heads of the various departments have been designated but nothing has been said or written as to what the head of a department means, what responsibilities or powers it involves. There has been no attempt to correlate the different departments and to get them into understanding and cooperation. The general situation of the teachers in the University is unsatisfactory. The clerical force has apparently the same standing as teachers and their enumeration precedes the teachers in the catalogue. While a good deal of thought has been put into emphasizing the place and power and dignity of the president and a good deal of thought has gone into the matter of student rights and discipline, apparently no thought has gone into the situation of the teachers. They sort of fall between the executives and the students. They have no right of discipline or suggestive discipline. Especially the mixing of teachers, graduate students, and Morehouse undergraduates in the beautiful Atlanta University dormitories is very poorly planned. The teachers stand in line in the cafeteria service among undergraduates who are subject to no rules and whose appointed Morehouse teachers are practically never present.

3. The condition of Morehouse College and its place in the University system calls for careful attention. There is at Morehouse at present very lax discipline, very little insistence on manners, and very low academic standards. The standard of admission is low, the standards for graduates are low. The executives of Morehouse are honest and kindly but not efficient and on the teaching staff there is a good deal of dead wood. The curriculum needs to be over-hauled and the organization stiffened up.

4. Spelman. Spelman is not a good college. The traditions of a New England Seminary hang over it. The discipline is unintelligent and the scholarship poor, and the curriculum loaded down with non-collegiate subjects such as Bible, Home Economics, etc. The scholarship standards are low. The President is one of the

problems of the University. She is an indefatigable worker with no avocations, going on practically without rest or play. She is thoroughly immersed in her work and devoted to it. On the other hand, she has no very high conception of the Negro race in particular or of humanity in general. As an executive she tries to keep all details in her own power and then does not have time to attend to them and practically no time for reflection or study. This makes her always late and always hurried and technical in her efficiency rather than judicial. She needs broad firm guidance.

The faculty. Specialization in the faculty of Atlanta and affiliated institutions leads to rather serious gaps in general culture and general knowledge. There are a good many teachers who know their own line of work thoroughly but who are not in the broad sense of the term educated persons. There are very few productive scholars. During the last four years one member has received his doctor's degree while three are studying for it. Only one book has been published by a member of the University faculty during that time, one pamphlet, no major magazine articles.

The University has no publications except the bulleting which is a vehicle for publishing the catalogue and some booklets and some pamphlets in the French department and a couple of rather poor college papers. There should be at the earliest possible moment a scientific quarterly as a vehicle of scholarly work. Toward this a committee of the faculty has been working.

6. Connected with these institutions and under the auspices of the University is a complete set of elementary schools from the nursery school through a standard high school. The cost of these institutions is borne by the University and is considerable. The reason for their establishment is two fold: one, to furnish a complete set of schools for the people of Atlanta where the public school system is not good; and secondly, to form a series of observation schools where the Department of Education can do its teacher training. The first object is very successful but it is a question as to whether this is the function of Atlanta University. The second object is practically unmet. The number of teachers trained in these various grades is negligible. The schools are not a center of education or teacher training.

7. The University has no physical unity and tends to be concentrated in Spelman College which makes it amenable to the rather petty rules and regulations of a small woman's institution. All of the University assemblies must take place in Sisters Chapel if they are large, and either Howe Hall at Spelman or Sale Hall at Morehouse. There should be a university cente for university assemblies and for classes and professors. The professors have one or two offices in the Administration Building on sufferance and with the distinct warning that they do not belong there and cannot stay; and there is not a single good modern university class room.

8. Commencement. One necessary and commendable step has been taken in having one baccalaureate sermon for all parts of the University. But on the other hand, there are four separate commencements for Atlanta University, Morehouse, Spelman, and the Atlanta School of Social Work. This is a waste of time and of patience. The University Commencement ought to be different from an undergraduate commencement and should include the ceremonial investiture of the master of arts with a masters' hood.

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Comte's Positive Philosophy

Hist of Sociology

The Development of Human Intelligence

Comte	Mill	Ward
Theological (Fictitious)	Personal (Volitional)	Teleological
Metaphysical (Abstract)	Abstractional (Ontological)	Ontological
Scientific (Positive)	Phenomenal (Experimental	Positive

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Each science passes through these stages

Every mind passes through these stages

Human intelligence passes through these stages

Different sciences progress at different rates, in proportion to generality, simplicity and independence of other sciences

Astronomy - arrived first at scientific stage

Physics second

Chemistry third

Physiology fourth

Today (Lewes)

Physics is scientific

Biology is metaphysical

Sociology is theological or supernatural

(quote pp. 246, 247

All advance is from science (Ward, p. 247)

Social phenomena and then theological and metaphysical treatment (247)

Social Physics

Sociology is incomplete (other sciences in varying degrees of completeness)

But all sciences are experimental and divided into five branches

All sciences are one

A review of all sciences

Dependence on this of finding:
laws of logic
Education
social reform

Classifying the sciences (difficult and artifical - but necessary to action and prevision)

Science speculation and practice

Speculation or theory (science proper) general or abstract / particular or concrete

We deal only with speculation (theory) and abstract (general)

Mathematics is a powerful instrument of the mind

Hierarchy of Sciences
Social Physics
Physiology (biology, psychology)
Chemistry
Physics
Astronomy

Sociology
Is it a science?
Order and Progress
Laws 254

Scientific spirit 255
Relative and Absolute 255
Prevision 356

Social Physics
Statics
Dynamics

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Statics: All social institutions originate in human nature and seek equilibrium

Each institution must for understanding depend on the other

Dynamics: Progress and development

Accumulation of change and discovery

Means of investigation 259 ff

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THESES

The African Family - a study of recent investigations

Modern Education in Africa - study of recent statistics and reports

The History of the Movement toward Indian Autonomy - study of Gandhi and Swaraj

The American Indian - history and present condition

Education and Land in Mexico - study of Mexican revolution

The Raising of Cotton in the United States of America - study of period 1820-1940 with crops, politics, etc.

The Physique of American Negroes - study of Hoffman, Holmes, U. S. Census, etc.

Teaching of Economics in Negro Colleges - study of leading institutions

United States Supreme Court and American Negroes - study of decisions

Legal Theft in Georgia - unfair fines and taxes, confiscation of property for accidents, the payment and seizure of unpaid for goods, usury

Union Labor among Negroes - its history and present condition

The Longshoremen's Union - history of Negro participation

A History of Negro Education in particular States especially in the South

The Life of Heman Perry

The Business of Insurance as conducted by Negroes

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
February 27, 1939

CALCUTTA UNIV.
Dept of Zoology

Lichtenberger - Chapter I

Plato

Map of Greece

History of Greece

The Tyrants 650 B. C.

Athens

- Legislation of Draco and Solon
- Rule of Pisistratus and sons
- Legislation of Cleisthenes

Sparta

Persian War
- Mt. Athos 492 B. C.
- Marathon 490 B. C.
- Thermopylae 480 B. C.

Delian League

Age of Pericles 435-431 B. B.

Peloponnesian War 431-404

Sparta - death of Socrates 399 B. C.

Greek City-State

The Athenian City-State
- 200,000 to 400,000 inhabitants living in the city
- 160,000 citizens and families
- 90,000 aliens
- 80,000 slaves of whom 20,000 worked for the state
- Position of women

Democracy in Athens

Brotherhood with barbarians

Intellectuals, Sophists and discussion

Religion and morals

Four questions: what is justice?
what is the basis of social life?
how can the highest human personality be achieved?
how can the glory of Athens be restored?

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Plato 427-447 B. C.
His life and education, exile and travel, founding of the academy 386 B. C.
his experience in Syracuse

Plato's Republic
The subject treated: what is the best form of society?
The rise and fall of the soul
Ethics and politics

Form of treatment: dialogue with logic and few facts
the use of analogy

Subjects: Justice
Four definitions of justice: speak the truth and pay your debts
good and evil to friends and enemies
might is right
law
Plato's justice is an inner attitude
The state: its origin, necessary industries, luxuries, war and defence
three classes of citizens
the Guardians
the classification of citizens
Justice is perfect adjustment
Education
The training of Guardians
The selection of the ruling class
The education of the ruling class
Music and art, example and imitation rather than facts, censorship of art,
temperance and self control
Gymnastics, drink and food
The weak
Human relations
Education as a social process of humanizing relations
Communism
Poverty as a social menace. No individual property, severe temperance
Communism is designed to free the individual efforts of the Guardians, to
separate income from politics
Women: freedom of education and opportunity
Community of wives
Mating under state control
Children brought up by the state
Exposure and abortion
Plato's Laws, practical philosophy with beginnings of scientif fact
The perfect state is perfect communism
The second best state modifies this. There is distribution of land under state
control and regulated by competition. Wealth is limited by minimum and
maximum standards. There is socialised consumption and common tables for eating.
Monogamy strictly controlled by and for the good of the state
Colonization: questions of race contact and migration. Differences of religion.
differences of customs. War, poverty and disease. Difficulties of
legislation and importance of chance
Contrast of Grecian city freedom and Egyptian and Babylonian integration.

[Atlanta U. Labratory High School]

Lectures

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
LABORATORY SCHOOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

May 4, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17-33-151

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The Committee on the National Honor Society of the Laboratory High School would like very much to have you give the address to the 1939 candidates for the Ware Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Since we do not have in our present schedule a regular day for assembly, our date is more flexible and thus we shall be able to fit out date in with your plans.

We would like to plan the exercises for Friday, May 19 at 2:30 p. m. Would that date and hour be convenient for you? If not, then what date would be suitable for you the week of the twenty-second?

Sincerely yours

Mawdestine M. Hawkerfield

For
The Committee On the National
Honor Society

May 5, 1939

17-33-152

My dear Miss Dangerfield:

In answer to your letter of May fourth, I beg to say that I shall be glad to make a short address to the candidates to the National Honor Society, Friday, May nineteenth, at 2:30 p. m.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss M. M. Dangerfield
Laboratory High School
Atlanta University

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
LABORATORY SCHOOL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Lectures

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

May 15, 1939

17-32-8

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We were also surprised on receiving the calendar to see the date of the Services for Thursday. It was a mistake of the Publicity Department and we have called and asked that the change be made on the various calendars circulated in the University system.

The exercises are to be held on the date possible for you to speak to the group, Friday, May 19, at 2:30 p. m.

Very sincerely

Maudestine M. Dangerfield

Maudestine M. Dangerfield

May 15, 1939

17-33-153

My dear Miss Dangerfield:

In your letter of May fourth you asked me to speak at the Honor Society exercises, May nineteenth, at 2:30 p. m." I answered you May fifth saying "I should be glad to make a short address to the candidates of the National Honor Society, Friday, May nineteenth, at 2:30 p. m." The calendar which comes to me today has me down for Thursday, May eighteenth, at 2:30 p. m. I regret to say that I should not be able to speak at that hour but I can speak May nineteenth as I promised.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss M. M. Dangerfield
Atlanta University Laboratory High School
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U. Laboratory High School]

17-33-154

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
May 22, 1939

Dear Dr. DuBois,

I want personally to thank you for coming to us and for the very inspiring address, which you gave our Honor Groups, students and friends on Friday.

The students, who had the pleasure of hearing your address to the Honor Group some years ago, never forgot "Three Scholars". Again and again, references and comments were made on that address, until that group left. I hope that this group will always remember "Norris Wright Cuney". This group, or I may refer

to there, as this generation of our students had not had the privilege of hearing you speak. I feel that it is a great loss to our Negro boys and girls, not to know, or to have heard at some time one, who as a scholar and writer has made as great a contribution to the world of letters, as you have.

For this busy season of the year, and realizing how much in demand you are for addresses and lectures all through the year, I hesitated in asking you.

However, some one has said that it was the very busy and great people, who always, some how made time to do more, if they felt that they were doing good for others. This was true in your case. Please accept the thanks and appreciation which I cannot express.

Sincerely yours,
Mamie Dawsenfield

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[CRISPUS ATTUCKS H.S.]

Crispus Attucks High School
Indianapolis, Indiana
October 25, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent 10/27/39
St. Agnes Photograph

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My dear Dr. Du Bois;

With the opening of the annual celebration of American Education Week, the Music Department of Crispus Attucks High will exhibit a collection of representative works of all the fine arts. We are attempting to secure sufficient items in each art and place them in a permanent case to serve as an inspiration to our talented students whose ambitions and interests are in creative writing, painting, sculpturing and similar fields.

I have been asked to contact you and ask if you will please encourage our young poets by sending a manuscript of one of your writings or just a few lines from one of your verses with your autograph and photograph too - if you will. Perhaps there are other materials that you will send.

All articles received will be placed in a repository for permanent exhibition and will be accessible to all students and friends of the high school.

Since National Education Week will be observed from Nov 5-11 this year, we should be highly honored if we receive a favorable reply from you within the next few days. For your convenience I am enclosing a stamped envelope. May we anticipate your cooperation in our endeavor for which we shall be most grateful

Very truly yours,
Hortense Lenore Bullock
Teacher, - Music Department

17-19-26

Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.
November 21, 1939

Dr. W. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In a few weeks, my class is going to debate the following question: Resolved that Negro Students be admitted to graduate schools of Tennesse University. I will appreciate it very much, if you would send me your opinion on the admittance of Negro Students to Southern States' Universities.

Very truly yours

Louis G. Austin

Louis G. Austin

17-19-138

January 5, 1939

My dear Sir:

I attend, and have attended for years, your various theatres at least twice a week. It seems to me this year you are giving us an unusually poor set of films. I have repeatedly seen films three or four years old which I saw so long ago that I had forgotten their titles and I hardly remember a case where you have had this year a first class movie actor except in "Alexander's Ragtime Band". Won't you give us some little improvement? Why can't we see a film like "If I were King"?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Manager
Bailey's Theatres
Atlanta, Georgia

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BAILEY THEATRES

ATLANTA. GEORGIA

January 6, 1939.

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:-

Thanks for your letter of January 5th.

We will be glad for you to make any suggestions as to the films which should be shown in Bailey theatres.

IF I WERE A KING, in the opinion of our Ashby manager, will not please the general public.

Will you please advise us what you think of such pictures as JUST AROUND THE CORNER which played in the Royal Theatre on December 25-27, SPAWN OF THE NORTH, LETTER OF INTRODUCTION, ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD, THAT CERTAIN AGE, and many others.

As to your statement as to our playing pictures that are three or four years old, we have never played a picture this old unless it was reissued by public demand.

When they make better pictures, we will play them but we can not play them until they make them.

Very truly yours,

H. T. Spears.

HTS:KLK

17-33-196

State College
Prairie View, Texas
March 22, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

It was indeed kind of you to send me the beautiful autographed copy of "The Revelation of Saint Orgne the Damned."

We both read it carefully.

When shall we three meet again? Marian Anderson sings at Houston tomorrow night.

With love to Mrs. Du Bois and best wishes to you, believe me

Gratefully and sincerely yours,
D. Virginia Perry Banks.

17-27-24

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

May 8, 1939

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

I want to express again my appreciation for your kindness in making it possible for me to have a most pleasant trip to Fort Valley, Georgia, on Sunday, April 30. I am looking forward to the time when I can repay you for your kindness.

It is always a source of satisfaction to me to spend some time in your presence; I leave with a finer outlook on life and a better man.

It was fully my plan to meet Mrs DuBois and the baby, but I got down town and had to wait a long time to see some people who were attending the funeral of the late Dr Linder, and this made it impossible for me to get back to the campus before train time 3:40 P M. I shall be through Atlanta again the latter part of the month.

Mrs Banks joins me in best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

17.38-73

January 4, 1939

My dear Alexina:

I was so glad to hear from you again and to get your Christmas gre ting. I am well and still at work and wish you a very Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alexina C. Barrell
229 Harvard Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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[BARRELL]

[2]

All good the heart can wish you
More Joy than words can say
Are wished in matchless measure
This merry Christmas Day—

Mrs. Walter T. Burnett
22 Howard Street
Cambridge

"The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness."

~ LUKE 1: 78, 79

11 Dec. 20/39 [4]

Wondering if you are still alive and doing that? — In fact all is well with Jan & Jon's work. I follow as far as I can by papers & Radio the progress of N.A.A.C.P. schools & wonder- Jan Singers — shall hear on my Radio tomorrow night Marian Anderson, her voice is glorious! Robeson is here

17-38-24

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this week, but seats too high for poor folks like me & a victim of "Old Age Assistance", 125 lbs & about to vanish. Do let me hear of Jon's work now, — going to Russia, Finland or German Hell now? Life one mess not!

— Heard Walter White at Community Church last winter.

"My Boy" is now a fine Chef. Caring for me here & also for 3 Jewish Harvard Law students near the College. So I keep this little flat & call going! Fun!

[5]

but one must live as best they can these days. I hear constantly of Clement Morgan, the wonderful City Councilman of Cambridge. He was buried from Church 2 doors from here. It seems as if all good people are dead Butler, Wilson, Jones recently Still, Jon & I have left!!

As ever, Alfonsina Bissell

226 HAMILTON AVENUE
WESTERVILLE, OHIO

March 9" 1939.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Wonder if you remember me? I met you at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson in Columbus, when you addressed an audience in north High School auditorium.

I am enclosing a letter which I wrote months ago to Dr. Comstock. It has not even been acknowledged. I wrote a second time with the same result.

Then I appealed to Dr. Mary E. Woolley - to help me. Her first letters were very vague & indefinate. Eligible Negro members should be taken in the local groups. But how, she could not even make a suggestion. When I discovered that procedure was a blind alley, I wrote to her again suggestioning that she use her influence to give one of her fellowships to a Negro scholar. (She is chairman of the International Fellowship Committee.) This I thot would be a gesture of good will.

The letter from Miss Smith

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WESTERVILLE, OHIO

17-19-125

suggests that she has passed my suggestion on to the committee & feels no more responsibility concerning it.

Now I am enclosing 3 copies of the letter from Miss Smith. Will you please make use of them. I hope you can induce some of your finest women scholars to apply for an A. A. U. W. fellowship. I wish so many would apply & that they would be so worthy that the A. A. U. W. could not help granting a fellowship to one of them.

If you have any suggestions

[4] how I could help in this
cause which is so near to
my heart, please write me.

Any one regardless of race, color
or religion, who has a B.A. from
an A college is eligible to the
American Association of University
Women. It is not a frat. Smile
& we deplore the social exclusiveness
of the A.A.U.W. & will do all
we can to break it down.
But we do not know how
to work effectively. Will you
please suggest "ways & means"
to us. Very sincerely,

Marguerite A. Bartlett.
(Mrs. W.W.)

[Enclosure]

17-19-127

August 1, 1938

Dr. Arthur H. Compton
5637 Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Compton:

The announcement in the Christian Century for June 29th that you had been authorized to direct a four year nation-wide survey of the influence of college education on the religions and racial tolerance of American students, filled me with hope.

I have been much concerned with the intolerant attitude of members of the American Association of University Women toward eligible Negro members. The president of the Columbus branch said that even to suggest a Negro member would split the organization wide open. And to suggest such a procedure to the national office would have the same effect. They want the negro to have his rights, but they want to keep him in his place socially.

I hoped to get some help from our district officer, but again I ran into prejudice. Dean Irma Voight tried in every way to avoid the issue. Finally she said that there were branches which took in negro members. Therefore, it must be a very normal thing to admit them, however, she could not cite any examples. But for two years I have tried to locate a branch which was broad minded enough to do this. I can find no trace of any. I saw Mrs. Grace Towers Hamilton, secretary for the Interracial Commission of the National Inter-Collegiate Christian Council, at the Student Geneva Conference. She told me that she doubted Dean Voight's statement. It was just a nice way of "shutting me up".

Will your survey include graduate attitudes? In theory A.A.U.W. is inter-nationally minded, but in social practice I am wondering if it is not most prejudiced and exclusive. Did college education make A.A.U.W. members this way?

17-19-128

Compton.....#2

I have no money to make a survey of the racial tolerance of the 700 branches of the A.A.U.W. It needs to be done. I am so hoping that your survey of American intolerance will include attitudes and practices of A.A.U.W.

I am enclosing a statement of membership qualifications. How can I, as a member of A.A.U.W., help realize this ideal in our local association? I do so hope that your four year nation-wide survey will help us realize the state of democracy inside the A.A.U.W. organization.

Very sincerely,

MAB/mw

[Enclosure]

FELLOWSHIPS

17-19-101

Request for information

February 1, 1939

Mrs. W. W. Bartlett
226 Hamilton Avenue
Westerville, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:

Dr. Mary E. Woolley has forwarded to this office a copy of your recent letter to her and her answer to you. I believe that I must be the one at fault in that your question to Dr. Woolley of August 1, which was relayed to this office, was not answered. Your letter was referred to me as I thought for information, and I checked it off in the usual routine. I find after receiving the recent communication from Dr. Woolley that your question was never answered.

May I state for your information that the A.A.U.W. Committee on Fellowship Awards is very much interested in the possibility of granting a fellowship to a promising negro woman who fulfills the requirements for the fellowships. There have been one or two negro candidates for A.A.U.W. fellowships, but these have done very little work except teaching beyond the first degree. If outstanding negro women apply for A.A.U.W. fellowships I wish to assure you that the present Committee granting the awards would welcome them and give to them the most careful consideration.

With best wishes and apologies for this late answer to your letter,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary H. Smith, Secretary
Committee on Fellowship Awards

1634 I Street N. W.
c/o American Association of University Women
Washington, D. C.

MHS/MB

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION APPLY TO MISS DIGGS

17-19-129

February 1, 1939

Mrs. W. W. Bartlett
226 Hamilton Avenue
Westerville, Ohio

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With best wishes and apologies for this late answer to your letter,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary M. Smith, Secretary
Committee on Fellowship Awards

MMS/MB

17-19-126

March 15, 1939

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:

I remember you quite well and I am glad to know of your continuing interest in interracial justice. I will post a copy of Miss Smith's letter. Will you kindly send me her address so that in case there should be any candidate I could tell the applicant where to write?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. W. W. Bartlett
226 Hamilton Avenue
Westerville, Ohio

Request for ms

March 25" 1939.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois:
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

17-19-93

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am sorry that Miss Smith's address was not included in my note to you.

~~Her~~

1634 I Street N. W.
% American Association
of University Women.
Washington, D. C.

I am wondering if

any & new people will feel it worth their while to apply for any & the fellowships. Some how I would like so well to liberalize the A. A. W. W. But at times it does look so hopeless.

Have you read John Middleton Murrays new book Heroes of Thot? It is time for another hero to emerge. I am hoping

we can find him soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite A. Bartlett

(Mrs. W. W.)

Negro History Week

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Kents Store Va.
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois Hollywood School
Atlanta University Feb. 9, 1939
Atlanta Ga.

17-33-241

My Dear Dr. DuBois;

I am 12 years of age, and I am in the 6th Grade here at Hollywood School. We have been observing Negro History week since Monday and working on what we call "Living Negros of note."

Mr. T. J. Sellers our History Teacher said it

was a good idea to study some of our great living men and women and he talked to us about your work and showed us your picture. We wrote papers then read them in class.

We are trying to contact the ten women and men we studied.

I know you are very busy, but if you will acknowledge this ~~letter~~ our teacher will know that I did write.

Very Truly Yours
Catherine Bates

17-33-242

February 27, 1939

My dear Parthenia:

I have your letter of February ninth and trust you got a good deal of information about the persons whom you studied.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Parthenia Bates
Kent's Store
Hollywood School
Virginia

WALTER N. BEEKMAN, D. D. S.
746 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Telephone NEvins 8-1433

Apr. 5/39.

17-33-205

Dear DuBois:

If I had been given an unsigned copy of the "Address to Dark Graduates" and was asked by whom written, I would have said, W. E. B. DuBois: It is a gem, and, I thank you for remembering me. Best regards to you, Mrs. DuBois and granddaughter.

Sincerely
Beekman

WALTER N. BEEKMAN, D. D. S.
746 FULTON STREET
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Telephone NEvins 8-1433

10-5-79

Oct. 27/39.

Dear Doctor! -

"As the Crow Flies". your tribute to our late friend Devereux Waller. is a masterpiece. I was the last friend, aside from the immediate family, to talk with him before he died. was at the bedside about 10. A.M. and he passed on late in the afternoon. We will miss him, he was a personality, a type that is fast disappearing.

Going fishing soon. Wont you come along?

Best regards

Beekman

Vernon, Texas
Feb. 14, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta Georgia

Copy for photograph

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Our high school Sociology class is just concluding a unit of work on the American Negro. We are planning to visit the colored school here soon and present them with a framed picture of Abraham Lincoln for their assembly room. (A former class gave them a large picture of Booker T. Washington.) We have found in our study that you are the outstanding member of your race at the present time, and I would like to know if you have a large photograph of yourself suitable for framing that you would send us to give their school when we present them

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with the picture of Lincoln.

Your books, *The Negro*, and *The Soul of the Black Folk* are on our reading list, and we have enjoyed them very much. Have you written any recent books that might interest high school students? I am intensely interested in social problems and would like to take up the study of different races.

I would appreciate a letter from you even if you do not have the photograph.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely,

Miss La Treece Bell
1821 Lamar St.
Vernon, Texas

February 27, 1939

17-31-32

My dear Miss Bell:

I am sending herewith a photograph in accordance with your request of February fourteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss La Treece Bell
1821 Lamar Street
Vernon, Texas

Vernon, Texas
March 8, 1939

D. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 W. 150th St.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois

We received your photograph at noon March 1, and in behalf of the forty five Sociology students in our high school, I want to thank you. We are going to put it in a glass frame and present it to the Colored high school here at their

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assembly hour next Friday.
One member of the group will
review your life and works
in presenting the picture.

We are indeed grateful to
you.

Sincerely yours,
La Vrece Bell

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Regional Office
Iron Mountain, Michigan
February 20, 1939

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

It was my privilege to hear your address before the Sunday Evening Club in Chicago on February 12, on the subject "Progress by Poverty."

As a social welfare worker I was deeply impressed by your presentation and should be most grateful to you if you can find it quite convenient to send me a copy. I shall be glad to remit any charges in connection therewith.

I am wondering if you were identified with service for the Eightieth Division at Camp Lee, Petersberg, Virginia in 1917 or 1918, when I was there as Camp General Secretary. I remember with a great deal of pleasure and appreciation the splendid cooperation given by a gentleman named DuBois. It would be very interesting if I can establish the identity and present whereabouts of this fellow worker. Incidentally, I still retain as one of my prized possessions the silver loving cup presented to me at Camp Lee by the colored troups.

With kindest regards and best wishes and congratulations on the very fine address made in Orchestra Hall, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter M. Berry

Walter M. Berry
Field Representative

WMB:EKC

17-33-187

February 27, 1939

My dear Sir:

I am having a copy made of my Orchestra Hall speech which I will send you as soon as it is finished. The stenographer's charge is fifty cents.

I was not connected with the AEF at Camp Lee, Petersburg, 1917. My biography you will find in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. I thank you very much for your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Walter M. Berry
State Emergency Welfare Relief Commission
Regional Office
Iron Moutain, Michigan

[Bethune-Cookman]

Bethune-Cookman College

Daytona Beach, Florida

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, *President*
WILLIAM M. COBB, *Treasurer*

November 18, 1939.

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Dr. W. E. B. Dubois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 15.

We will be very happy to have a visit from you and your secretary, Miss Diggs. We should like for you to be the guests of Bethune-Cookman College and to plan to remain over for our Sunday afternoon Community meeting on November 26. If this is possible, please let me have a note from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

James A. Bond, Dean.

[Bethune-Cookman]

November 22, 1939

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My dear Mr. Bond:

Thank you for your letter of November eighteenth. We are planning to reach Daytona Beach, Saturday afternoon, November twenty-fifth and to leave Monday morning, November twenty-seventh. Thank you for your offer of hospitality.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James A. Bond
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

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234 East Thirty-ninth Street New York, N. Y.

Office of the Editor

November 13, 1939.

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Dr. William E. B. Du Bois, Head,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am enclosing your edited biography, as prepared for inclusion in The Biographical Encyclopedia of the World, which is about to go to press.

Please go over this sketch carefully, making any corrections or changes desired, and then return the proof to me with your personal signature of approval.

For your convenience, a reservation card is also enclosed, should you desire to possess a copy of the forthcoming volume, containing your biography (as per sample page herewith).

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Chelio,
Associate Editor.

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234 East Thirty-ninth Street New York, N. Y.

Office of the Editor

December 11, 1939.

17-29

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois,
Head Dept. of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am very pleased to inform you that your biography is to be included in the BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE WORLD, which is now in press.

The regular price of the Library Edition is $15. But you may obtain the volume at the special pre-publication price of $12.50 by returning the enclosed card before December 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Just a brief personal greeting and a line to advise you of my new connections. I am very happy to announce that I am now with Boomershine Motors, Inc., in the Service Department.

For sometime I have anticipated having a position such as I now occupy, because it allows me to give the kind of service that I know you will appreciate. All work is done on same floor where I can give it my personal attention.

Since starting with Boomershines' we have set-up a special Buick Service Section using genuine Buick parts and service equipment.

It will interest you to know that our prices are the lowest possible for class A work, with no special charges for miscellaneous items.

Why not come in and say "Hello" sometime soon? It won't be necessary to wait until you need some service. I will appreciate an early visit from you.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Slappey

R. A. Slappey
Service Department

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The reader of

Forward not back
Joy brethren daughter
not envy jealousy
enemies
Children not adults
God help the people who
encourage babies
Rulers —
we are they

23 Times

December 18, 1939

Memo to Boomershine Motors Inc.: Attention - Slappy

The rattle in the starter of my automobile is worse than it was before you fixed it. I left off going to the Buick people and came to you because of several instances of this sort. I had to pay twice for the same job because it was carelessly done. I do not want the same experience in your establishment. Will you please see what is the matter with the car and if there is any further charge telephone me at - Main 4200 -? Also will you please inspect the lights and see that they are all in order?

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

17-38-55

February 13, 1939

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Would it be possible for you to give me a copy of the fine address you delivered last Sunday at the Chapel of the University of Chicago?

I heard your speech over the radio and was greatly impressed by what you had to say on the racial question. As a Hindu I subscribe to your views absolutely and would like to read your speech carefully. Hoping to be favored with a copy, I am

Cordially yours

Sudhindra Bose

Sudhindra Bose

Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
210 W. 150th Street
New York, New York

B/G

February 27, 1939

My dear Sir:

I am asking the University of Chicago to send you a copy of my address. I appreciate your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Sudhindra Bose
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

17-26-07

April 17, 1939

My dear Boutte:

I was in town a few hours last week but did not get a chance to get in touch with you. I trust this will find you and Mrs. Boutte in good health. We are looking for a furnished apartment for the summer. Have you anything to recommend? If you have, let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. M. V. Boutte
2301 Seventh Avenue
New York City
New York

[Boy Scouts of America-Atlanta]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Requests for donations

March 4, 1939

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Scouting among our boys in Atlanta is growing under the direction of a group of public-spirited citizens and the executives of the Atlanta Council of the Boy Scouts in America. The work, however, has been handicapped due to the lack of camping facilities. In this connection the Atlanta Council of the Boy Scouts of America has raised among the white citizens of Atlanta $5,000 and is purchasing a site on which a lake is being built.

We are endeavoring to raise among our own people an additional $2,500 to provide other facilities at the camp. We believe you would be one who would like to make an investment in the present boyhood and future manhood of Atlanta. We are therefore asking if you would make a contribution of five dollars or any amount you might feel free to give.

Sincerely yours

John P. Whittaker
Chairman Tenth Division of
Boy Scouts, Atlanta Area

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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(BRAITHWAITE)

Miss Martha Winston

extends to you and guest a cordial invitation

to attend

A Birthday Dinner

in honor of

Mr. William Stanley Braithwaite

on the evening of December seventh

nineteen hundred and thirty-nine

at six o'clock

668 Delbridge Street, N. W.

R. S. V. P.

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Dr. Du Bois regrets not being able to attend the birthday dinner in honor of Mr. William Stanley Braithwaite, December seventh. Unavoidable absence from the city is the cause. Kindly present to Mr. Braithwaite his felicitations and good wishes.

December 7, 1939

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February 10, 1939

My dear Mr. Braithwaite:

In accordance with our conversation, I should be glad if you take charge of my class in Social Institutions Monday, February 20, at eight a. m., room 209 Administration Building. I should like to have you talk about "Literature as a Social Institution". Miss Diggs will remind you of this engagement.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. Stanley Braithwaite
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

5th Decatur Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

17-32

Mrs. Elizabeth Burton

announces the marriage of her daughter

Lula Fairly

to

Mr. Imre F. Bramwell

Friday, the Twenty-seventh of October

One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-nine

Newburgh, N.Y.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Du Bois send congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Imre F. Branwell on the occasion of their marriage.

November 4, 1939

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February 25, 1939

$15,000 PRIZE DRAWS INQUIRIES FROM 40 LANDS

More than 2,500 persons in the United States and 39 foreign countries have made inquiries of Lake Forest College concerning the $15,000 Bross prize to be awarded next year for "the best book or manuscript, heretofore unpublished, on the connection, relation and mutual bearing of the humanities, the social sciences, the physical sciences, the biological sciences, or any branch of knowledge, with and upon the Christian religion."

The founder of the competition, William Bross, a Chicago pioneer, was president of the board of trustees of the college for a number of years and lieutenant governor of Illinois from 1866 to 1870.

The award, to be made on or after next Jan. 1, marks the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bross Foundation, and it will be the first time that the competition has assumed such proportions. Prizes up to $6,000 have been awarded by Lake Forest College in previous Bross competitions. These works, to which will be added the winning book in the present contest, compose the renowned Bross Library of Lake Forest College.

The Bross Library collection is made up of works prepared by world-famous men. Mark Hopkins, one-time president of Williams College, and former president of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions; Josiah Royce, Harvard philosopher; James Huston Finley, former president of Knox College and now editor emeritus of the New York Times; Robert Bruce Taylor, widely known Scottish minister and professor, and Jeremiah W. Jenks, former professor at Cornell University and New York University, are five of the fourteen recognized by Bross awards for their writings.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send me details concerning the Bross Prize to be awarded next January for "the best book or manuscript on the connection, relation and mutual bearing of the humanities, the social sciences, the physical sciences, the biological sciences, or any branch of knowledge, with and upon the Christian religion."

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Bross Foundation
Lake Forest College
Lake Forest, Illinois

William Bross and the Bross Foundation

During the years when William Bross was planning the Bross Foundation and the Fiftieth Anniversary Competition, one of his closest friends was Dr. Andrew Zenos, formerly Professor of Greek at Lake Forest College, and at present a member of its Board of Trustees and a member of the faculty of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago. Recently, in defining what he conceived to be Mr. Bross's idea of the type of book worthy of receiving the anniversary award, Dr. Zenos wrote the following vivid account of the intellectual atmosphere in which the Foundation was conceived and the views which Mr. Bross held with regard to its administration.

"My personal acquaintance with him," he writes, "gave me the clear impression that he was a man of devout spirit and broad culture. He read with deep interest and carefully what was being published on religious subjects and on the bearing of philosophical discussion on them. The predominant questions in debate at that time were the subject of the supernatural and the critical study of the sources of our knowledge of the Christian Religion in the Old and New Testaments. The philosophy called materialism was in the ascendant. It was properly and reasonably viewed by Christian leaders with great unanimity as a serious menace to the survival of the Christian faith. Its loss of prestige and complete collapse during the last twenty-five years has relieved the situation materially. As to Biblical Criticism, after its true nature and results came to be clearly understood, it was welcomed as a help to the better understanding of the Christian Faith, and is today universally adopted as a method of study.

"Considering these conditions, one can realize that Governor Bross's intention was to present the Christian religion in such a way that, whatever form philosophical and historical knowledge might assume, its foundations were firm and strong. So far as any system proposed retained in it the vigor and vitality of the Christian faith, and brought to light its harmony with eternal and unquestionable truth anywhere, he welcomed and proposed to promote it by discussion and publication.

"The typical viewpoint which his own mind occupied is characteristically revealed in his choice of Mark Hopkins's *Evidences of Christianity* to be No. 1 in the series of volumes to constitute the publications under his foundation.

"Altogether, I am convinced that Governor Bross was interested not so much in defending any barren interpretation of the Christian Faith as a rival of other interpretations, but rather the broad, underlying, vital core of the Faith, which from the New Testament days onward has proved so plastic and assumed such a variety of phases from generation to generation in utilizing all new discoveries of truth and in conveying the saving grace of the Gospel throughout all the ages.

"The above, I believe to be a true account of Mr. Bross's mind and intention."

From this it is clear that Mr. Bross, far from desiring that the Fiftieth Anniversary Competition would produce merely a narrow theological treatise, hoped rather that it might result in a valuable contribution toward a great synthesis of any department of the humanities or the sciences with the Christian religion.

Lake Forest College
April, 1938

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY BROSS COMPETITION • FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

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For the best book or manuscript, heretofore unpublished, on the connection, relation, and mutual bearing of the Humanities, the Social Sciences, the Physical Sciences, the Biological Sciences, or any branch of knowledge, with and upon the Christian religion, the Trustees of Lake Forest College will award a cash prize of $15,000.00. ★ The award will be made under the Bross Foundation, after decision by a committee of judges, on or after January 1, 1940. ★ This Foundation was planned by William Bross in the years following the death of his infant son, Nattie, in 1856; stipulated in his agreement with the Trustees of Lake Forest College (corporate title: Lake Forest University), in 1879; and consummated at the time of his death, in 1890. ★ William Bross, in his trust agreement, set forth the purpose of the competition as follows: "The offer must be open to scientific men, the Christian philosophers, and historians of all nations... My object is to call out the best efforts of the highest talent and the ripest scholarship of the world, to illustrate from science or from any department of knowledge and to demonstrate the divine origin and the authority of the Christian Scriptures; and, further, to show how both science and revelation coincide and prove the existence, the providence, or any or all of the attributes of the only living and true God, 'infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth'."

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY BROSS PRIZE COMPETITION FOR NINETEEN FORTY

BROSS LECTURESHIP AND LIBRARY—In addition to the Bross Prize, the trustees of Lake Forest College, under the stipulations of the bequest, instituted the Bross Lectureship and the Bross Library. Periodically, distinguished scholars and thinkers have been retained to present series of lectures at the College. These lectures, and the prize-winning contest volumes, constitute the Bross Library, which now numbers fourteen units (all of which, with the exception of the initial volume, are published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, N. Y.):

Volume 1: 1909: Evidences of Christianity, Mark Hopkins, onetime, 1836-72, Williams College president, onetime, 1857-87, president American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Deceased. Purchased on request of Mr. Bross.

Volume 2: 1905: The Bible: Its Origin and Nature, Prof. Marcus Dods, New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. Deceased.

Volume 3: 1906: The Problem of the Old Testament, Prof. James Orr, United Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland. *

Volume 4: 1908: The Bible of Nature, Prof. J. Arthur Thomson, University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Volume 5: 1912: The Religions of Modern Syria and Palestine, Dr. Frederick Jones Bliss, Beirut, Syria.

Volume 6: 1912: The Sources of Religious Insight, Prof. Josiah Royce, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Deceased.

Volume 7: 1916: The Mythical Interpretation of the Gospels, The Rev. Thomas James Thorburn, Hastings, Sussex, England. *

Volume 8: 1917: The Will to Freedom, The Rev. John Neville Figgis, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, the West Riding, Yorkshire, England.

Volume 9: 1916: Faith Justified by Progress, Prof. Henry Wilkes Wright, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Volume 10: 1922: Bible and Spade, The Rev. John P. Peters, University of the South, Sewannee, Tennessee. Deceased.

Volume 11: 1922: Christianity and Problems of Today, five lectures delivered during the inauguration of Herbert McComb Moore as president of Lake Forest College, in 1921: *1—From Generation to Generation,* John Huston Finley, onetime president of Knox College and College of the City of New York; since 1921 associate editor of the New York *Times*. *2—Jesus' Social Plan,* Charles Foster Kent, American Biblical scholar; former Woolsey professor of Biblical Literature at Yale University. Deceased. *3—Personal Religion and Public Morals,* Robert Bruce Taylor, Scottish minister and professor; principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., Canada, 1917-1930. *4—Religion and Social Discontent,* Paul Elmer More, editor, professor, author; lecturer in Greek Philosophy at Princeton University. *5—The Teachings of Jesus as Factors in International Politics with Especial Reference to Far-Eastern Problems,* Jeremiah W. Jenks, American political economist; former professor of Political Economy at Cornell University; former professor of Government and director of the Division of Public Affairs, New York University. Deceased.

Volume 12: 1924: The Biblical Idea of God, M. Bross Thomas, professor of Biblical Literature, Lake Forest College, 1888-1920. Deceased.

Volume 13: 1925: The Reasonableness of Christianity, Douglas Clyde MacIntosh, Dwight professor of Theology, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. *

Volume 14: 1930: The Supreme Book of Mankind, or, The Origin and Influence of the English Bible, James G. K. McClure, president of Lake Forest College, 1892-93, 1897-1901; president of Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago. Deceased.

** Indicates prize-winning volumes, not delivered as lectures at Lake Forest College.*

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CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION—Manuscripts (or proof sheets) must be mailed to reach Lake Forest College on or before September 1, 1939. They must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, his address, the title of his manuscript. It is requested that no manuscripts be submitted before June 1, 1939.

A committee of judges, three in number, will make the award. Their names will not be announced until the close of the competition.

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BOOKS NOW IN PREPARATION—Authors, or prospective authors, who contemplate publishing a book in the near future, may if they so desire submit proof sheets of such a book, under these conditions: (1) Proof sheets must be anonymous; (2) Books must remain unpublished until the Bross Award is announced; (3) The author of the book, should he receive the $15,000 award, must arrange to have transferred to the trustees of Lake Forest College (Corporate title: Lake Forest University) the copyright of his book. Such an instance occurred in 1915, when the Bross Decennial Award went to a book previously prepared for publication by the Rev. T. J. Thorburn of Hastings, Sussex, England. Authors of such works may well hold them in abeyance for the opportunity of competing for the considerable award and the prestige of winning a place in the internationally-famous Bross Library of Lake Forest College.

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RULES OF THE COMPETITION—These rules govern the competition for the Bross Foundation $15,000 Award: 1—Three typewritten or printed copies of each manuscript must be submitted. 2—Manuscripts or books by foreign authors must be submitted in English translation. 3—Manuscripts must be of a *minimum* length of 50,000 words. No maximum is established. 4—Authors may submit more than one book. 5—Material previously published may be used *only* if it be a small portion of the whole projected work, which shall have been developed into a broader or lengthier treatise for the purpose of this competition; or, it may be a pamphlet containing the germ of the larger work, expanded for the purpose of this competition. 6—Final decision of the eligibility of a contestant's work rests with the judges, as does the final decision for the award. 7—Trustees of Lake Forest College (Corporate title: Lake Forest University) assume no responsibility for loss of manuscripts in transit, nor will any manuscripts be returned, unless accompanied by sufficient postage for their return.

This circular contains all the essential information and conditions made by the deed of the Bross gift; however, any desired additional information may be obtained readily by addressing: Herbert McComb Moore, President, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, U. S. A. . . . . *October 26, 1935*

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A group of men imbued with Christian ideals planned a school during the middle of the nineteenth century. Their meetings were held in Chicago, which was perhaps even then destined to be a great city of America. Northward, along the wooded shores of Lake Michigan, somewhat removed from the rapidly growing metropolitan area, a site was selected and named Lake Forest. ★ The vision of the Founders permitted the development of a beautiful residential community surrounding the Campus and suburban to Chicago. Today, Lake Forest represents the finest features of the typical American college, and all young men and young women students are privileged to enjoy the benefits of the endowment funds provided by William Bross, the Founders, the Alumni, and the widening circle of many friends.

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Box 157

November 7,1939

Request for information

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois

Head of the Department of Sociology

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

12-19

Dear Dr.DuBois,

In 1936 when I was an undergraduate at Oberlin I began gathering data for a thesis on the reasons why the Negro was going into the Democratic party. In 1936 I remember you were very kind about answering my questions. In 1939 I am going to impose on your goodness again but this time for a friend of mine who is gathering data preparatory to writing his PhD. thesis.

Mr.Haedrick,my friend, is an instructor in Sociology at New York University where I also did my graduate work. He is working on the premise that in society "Class begets Class". I consider Mr.Headrick's proposed study of value to the general field of Sociology and cannot urge you to cooperate with him too much. I am sure you have sympathy for the research workers in the field of Sociology.

May I thank you for past favors and count this as another and here by offer my thanks again for your generous spirit of helping in this.

Very Truly Yours,

Anna Vivian Brown

TELEPHONE EUCLID 7725

DR. CHARLES O. BROWN
631 SOUTH GROVE AVE.
OAK PARK, ILL.

February 18, 1939

Prof. W. D. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I heard with interest your broadcast before the Sunday Evening Club. Permit me to say by way of introduction that I have been often in Atlanta and was one of General Sherman's soldiers who helped to capture the city; I was the youngest bugler (now called trumpeters) that the United States Army has ever had, enrolled when I waw 13 years old, and becoming Chief Bugler of the 3rd Ohio Cavalry when I was 16. I am now 91 years old and some allowance perhaps may be made for that fact if there should be any error in my dictation. Permit me to say, dear sir, that two statements made by you were not entirely pleasing to me, namely, that in which you said that the father of Abraham Lincoln was "shiftless", and the second that Nancy Hanks Lincoln was an illegitimate when she gave birth to Abraham Lincoln.

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My wife and I are both well acquainted with an authoress of this city, Mrs. Celia Beckman, who is about ready to have her book printed in which she will show the absolute proof that Nancy Hanks was not an illegitimate mother to Abraham Lincoln; also, Tom Lincoln could not have been wholly "shiftless" when he took such interest in the building of the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church and made his son janitor of the Church just built, The boy who was to be in after years the immortal Abraham Lincoln.

I have been several times in Lincoln City (formerly Gentryville), Indiana on a sloping hillside of which is the grave which contains the precious dust of her, concerning whom Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I have and all that I am I owe to my angel mother," and this was said after he had become President of the United States.

In past years I marched by the log hut, 22 miles south of Bardstown, Kentucky, in which Abraham Lincoln was born. That log hut, as doubtless you know, is now encased in a marble palace approached by different flights of marble steps as wide as the marble palace itself. I can never tell you sir with what emotion I pressed the restraining chain in until, the guard permitting, I touched one of the logs. My wife was with me at the time and neither of us could restrain our tears.

Permit me now to add that I shall never be old enough to get beyond deep emotion when I consider the facts which I have here dictated and at this moment my eyes are wet with tears. I love the memory of the great man to whom the world owes its debt of gratitude to the greatest liberator in human history, who deserves to rank side by side with Moses, the other great liberator whom the world has known for many centuries. I am now Commander Of Ulysses S. Grant Post G.A.R. Have also been a National Officer of the Grand Army, and my wife was the organizer of a circle of the Ladies of the

Grand Army, an affiliate organization of the Grand Army itself.

And now, Prof. DuBois, I say

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Sincerely yours,
wishing you great prosperity
in your noble work

I should have said earlier that when President Ware died, not long after one of my visits to Atlanta University, during which I had been a dinner guest in the home of the President, I received a communication from the Committee appointed to have charge of the important duty of providing a successor. Having just accepted a call to the Pastorate of the Dubuque, Iowa, First Congregational Church, I could not consider the call to be President of Atlanta University, and both the Committee and I thought that it would be better not to make this communication public; therefore, you will probably find no record of that important fact.

Truly yours,

Charles O Boaz

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I am moved to add several events and places of the long ago wherein and whereat occurred great battles which saved a nation and set free a face theretofore held in accursed slavery.

You live in a city which was the objective of General Sherman's army to which my regiment - the 3rd O.V.C. belonged.

During the seige of Atlanta this regiment constituted the extreme left wing, located at Buckhead, a cross-roads village, having three or four buildings, a store, a blacksmith shop and a saloon with hitching posts in front where patrons tied their saddle horses while swapping stories and drinking themselves drunk. From this camp we marched to Sandtown by night, as quietly as possible - sabers strapped to saddles in such manner as to make no noise while we marched; no rubbish on fires, as usual; nothing done to inform the enemy that we were moving.

Before starting, our brigade the 2nd of the 2nd Division Cavalry, General Kilpatrick, by orderlies, formed us in Hollow Square and with his aids about him holding torches, he read to us General Sherman's order that he entrusted to us a most important duty. We were to march entirely around the city of Atlanta, cutting the only remaining railroad, setting fire to all supplies, food, etc., then by continuing on around the City and returning to Buckhead, which we did. No cheering - no demonstration whatever.

I am thrilled as I write 74 years after, to recall that to my father, Major O. M. Brown, was given the order to head this perilous duty with his battalion. We thought that the enemy knew nothing of this, but their spies knew all and we had not gone a mile until shots in front told us that all was known, and from that on until morning we must fight as often as the enemy turned to confront us.

For the present this must do, not promising altogether but that there might be another chapter byandby.

Yours truly,

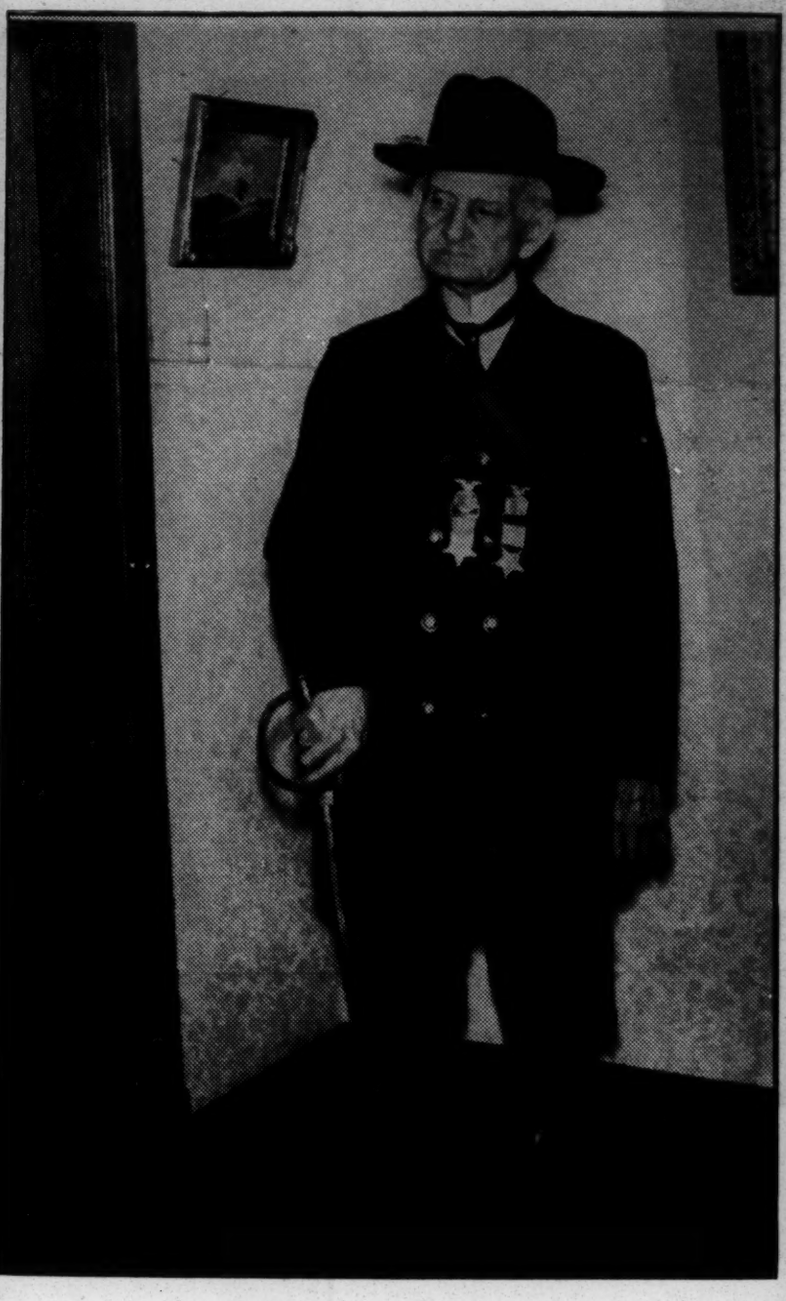
C.B.

One of His 'Boys' Blows 'Taps' to Lincoln

17-33a

Rev. Charles O. Brown, commander of the U. S. Grant Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of two surviving members of the post that once numbered 2,500 members, blows "taps" for President Lincoln as the nation honors the memory of the Great Emancipator. Rev. Brown is shown at his Oak Park home.

Fought Under Sherman in Civil War



Ranks of the U. S. Grant post of the Grand Army of the Republic lost another member this week. Commander Charles O. Brown, 831 Grove, is one of the last three survivors of that post. Mr. Brown, still active at 91, spoke last Tuesday at the funeral of his friend and comrade, Dr. E. L. Graves of Chicago who was 94.

At the tender age of 13, Charles Brown entered the Third Ohio Cavalry as his father's orderly. There he learned to blow a bugle and two ears later became chief bugler of his company. During the Civil war Brown sounded bugle for the greatest sabre charge of the war — that of Lovejoy station, twenty miles south of Atlanta, Ga., when the boys in blue slashed their way through a force three times as great as their own.

In all of his fighting experience, Commander Brown was never wounded. Although he served for five years under Lincoln, Brown did not see him, since he served in the western army. He served under General Sherman in the historically famous march to the sea through Georgia, and fought in all of General Wilson's battles.

In 1879, Commander Brown was escorted by the commandant through a crowd of 10,000 people at Orchard Lake Military academy to meet General Sherman. But when he reached there the general said, "I know Brown. No introduction is necessary."

In the picture Commander Brown is holding the sabre that he used when his company helped capture Jefferson Davis, Confederate president. His sash is one captured from a wounded confederate soldier, and still bears blood stains of war.

February 27, 1939

581-33-17

My dear Sir:

I am honored with the most interesting letter which you sent me February 18 and congratulate you on your long and useful life. I am especially interested to hear that you were once called to the presidency of Atlanta University.

With regard to Abraham Lincoln: what I said was that Nancy Hanks was an illegimate child. I did not say that Abraham Lincoln was also illegimate although there is a good deal of evidence to that effect. You know how prone we are to make everybody who is great respectable. We feel that all illegimate children ought to be scoundrels and the drunkards ought surely to go to hell. As a matter of fact some of our greatest personages in history have been born outside of wedlock and many drunkards have made excellent United States senators. I have the great contempt for historians who try to disguise and distort history in order to make it suitable for afternoon teas.

I think you would be interested in reading at least parts of my BLACK RECONSTRUCTION.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles O. Brown
631 South Grove Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 20, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Editor, Encyclopedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been unable to make a close study of the outline of subjects for the Negro Encyclopeida, but on the basis of a hurried inspection, I would make the following suggestions:

(1) That the section on contemporary biographies be eliminated.

(2) That Africans such as, Sir Apollo Kagwa, Tchekedi, Behanzin and Diagne be included.

(3) That a special article be devoted to minority group tactics and programs, with special reference to the Negro.

(4) That special attention be devoted to Anti-Semitism among Negroes.

(5) That similar attention be accorded the C.I.O.

(6) That Dahomey should rate a ten page article if the Gold Coast and Nigeria do.

(7) That the Malays in the Dutch East Indies should be included with the Polynesians if attention is to be devoted to Polynesians.

(8) I would question why a Japanese general should be included in the list of biographies.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Bunche

RJB:dj

17-30-13

Encyclopedia Negro - Letters

February 27, 1939

My dear Mr. Bunche:

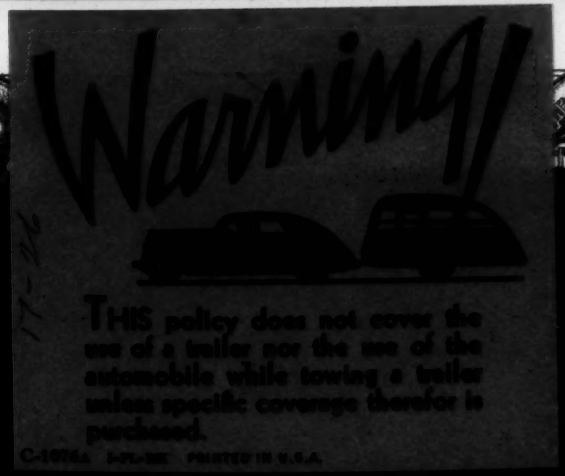
I thank you for your letter concerning the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I hope we can count on your further cooperation. I have just had a long interview with Herskovits and he is very much impressed with your work. There is one thing I should like to ask you to do and that is to send me at your convenience a short bibliography of those writers who know most about Africa and whose contributions you value most highly. I hope you can do this. I shall want to talk with you about your African trip sometime when I am in Washington.

By the by that Japanese general was a Negro.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ralph J. Bunche
Howard University
Washington, D. C.



TO TRAILER OWNERS

The Travelers Indemnity Company
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company
Hartford, Connecticut

Automobile Policy

1786

Coverages which may be afforded:

A. Bodily Injury Liability
B. Property Damage Liability
C. Loss of or Damage to the Automobile

No. MC 1289352

Issued to

WILLIAM E.B.DU BOIS

Expires FEB.2, 1939
At twelve and one minute o'clock A. M.

BURDETT REALTY CO.
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
175 PEACHTREE ST. Wal. 1011
ATLANTA, — GEORGIA

THE TRAVELERS

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY
THE TRAVELERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

DECLARATIONS — Automobile Policy Number MC 1289352

The insurance afforded is only with respect to such and so many of the following coverages as are indicated by specific premium charge or charges. The limit of the company's liability against each such coverage shall be as stated herein, subject to all of the terms of this policy having reference thereto.

Item 1. Name of insured: WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS
Address (No. street, town, county, state): C/O ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The automobile will be principally garaged and used in the above town, county and state, unless otherwise specified herein.

The occupation of the named insured is INSTRUCTOR-ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Item 2. Policy Period: From FEB. 2, 1938 to FEB. 2, 1939 12:01 A.M., standard time at the address of the named insured as stated herein.

Item 3. Description of the automobile and facts respecting its purchase by the named insured: 1937 BUICK 4 DOOR CENTURY SEDAN (MODEL 37-67) M#63240389 S#3076806

Date Purchased: FEB. 1937 | New or Used: NEW | List Price: $ 1035. | Actual Cost: $ 1402. | Fully Paid for: YES

Item 4. Coverages	Limits of Liability	Premiums
The Travelers Indemnity Company — A. Bodily Injury Liability	$10,000. each person and subject to that limit for each person $ 20,000. each accident	$ 48.30
The Travelers Indemnity Company — B. Property Damage Liability	$5,000. each accident	$ 13.00
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company — C. Loss of or Damage to the Automobile, Subject to the provisions of Division —# 1 (Division Applicable); Div. 1. Collision or Upset Loss; Div. 2. Convertible Collision or Upset Loss; Div. 3. Excluding Collision or Upset Loss; —Amount Deductible $ 50.; —Additional Sum $; ACTUAL CASH VALUE		$ 48.15
	Total Premium	$109.45

The word "None" in any premium space shall mean that insurance is not afforded with respect to the coverage opposite thereto.

Item 5. The purposes for which the automobile is to be used are PLEASURE AND BUSINESS

(a) *The term "pleasure and business" is defined as personal, pleasure, family and business use.*
(b) *The term "commercial" is defined as the transportation or delivery of goods, merchandise or other materials, and uses incidental thereto, in direct connection with the named insured's business occupation as expressed in Item 1.*
(c) *Use of the automobile for the purposes stated includes the loading and unloading thereof.*

Item 6. Amount of mortgage, lien or other encumbrance, if any

If mortgaged or encumbered, loss, if any, under Coverage C payable as interest may appear, to the named insured and

(Name and Address)

Item 7. (a) No insurer has canceled any automobile insurance issued to the named insured during the past year; (b) The named insured is the sole owner of the automobile: *Exception, if any, to (a) or (b):* NO EXCEPTIONS

Date of Issue
NOV. 30, 1937

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY
By L A Burdett

Countersigned by _____

The Travelers Indemnity Company
and
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company

Hartford, Connecticut

(Each a Stock Insurance Company Herein Called the Company)

Do Hereby Severally Agree with the insured, named in the declarations made a part hereof, in consideration of the payment of the premium and of the statements contained in the declarations and subject to the limits of liability, exclusions, conditions and other terms of this policy, provided (1) that The Travelers Indemnity Company shall be the insurer with respect to either one or both of Coverages A and B for which a premium is specified and charged in Item 4 of the declarations, and no other, and (2) that The Travelers Fire Insurance Company shall be the insurer with respect to Coverage C, if premium is specified and charged in Item 4 of the declarations, and no other:

Insuring Agreements

I. Coverage A—Bodily Injury Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage B—Property Damage Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage C—Loss of or Damage to the Automobile

To pay for any loss of or damage to the automobile and its equipment (hereinafter called loss) subject to the provisions of that Division hereof which is stated as applicable in the Limits of Liability space of Item 4 of the declarations.

Division 1—As respects loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, the deductible sum, if any, stated in Item 4 of the declarations shall be deducted from the amount of each such loss.

Division 2—Upon the occurrence of the first loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, which is made the basis of a claim hereunder, the named insured shall immediately pay to the company the additional sum stated as such in the Limits of Liability space in Item 4 of the declarations. Loss caused by collision with another object or by upset occurring prior to the reported claim shall in no event be considered the basis of a valid claim.

Division 3—Loss caused by collision with another object or by upset is excluded.

Breakage of glass and loss caused directly by tornado, cyclone, windstorm, hail, falling aircraft or parts thereof, and loss resulting from theft, earthquake, explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, insurrection or civil commotion, shall not be deemed loss caused by collision or upset.

II. Defense, Settlement, Supplementary Payments. It is further agreed that as respects insurance afforded by this policy under Coverages A and B the company shall

(a) defend in his name and behalf any suit against the insured alleging such injury or destruction and seeking damages on account thereof, even if such suit is groundless, false or fraudulent; but the company shall have the right to make such investigation, negotiation and settlement of any claim or suit as may be deemed expedient by the company;

(b) pay all premiums on bonds to release attachments for an amount not in excess of the applicable limit of liability of this policy, all premiums on appeal bonds required in any such defended suit, but without any obligation to apply for or furnish such bonds, all costs taxed against the insured in any such suit, all expenses incurred by the company, all interest accruing after entry of judgment until the company has paid, tendered or deposited in court such part of such judgment as does not exceed the limit of the company's liability thereon, and any expense incurred by the insured, in the event of bodily injury, for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of accident.

The company agrees to pay the expenses incurred under divisions (a) and (b) of this section in addition to the applicable limit of liability of this policy.

III. Definition of "Insured." The unqualified word "insured" wherever used in Coverages A and B and in other parts of this policy, when applicable to these coverages, includes not only the named insured but also any person while using the automobile and any person or organization legally responsible for the use thereof, provided that the declared and actual use of the automobile is "pleasure and business" or "commercial", each as defined herein, and provided further that the actual use is with the permission of the named insured. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply:

(a) to any person or organization with respect to any loss against which he has other valid and collectible insurance;

(b) to any person or organization with respect to bodily injury to or death of any person who is a named insured;

(c) to any person or organization, or to any agent or employee thereof, operating an automobile repair shop, public garage, sales agency, service station, or public parking place, with respect to any accident arising out of the operation thereof;

(d) to any employee of an insured with respect to any action brought against said employee because of bodily injury to or death of another employee of the same insured injured in the course of such employment in an accident arising out of the maintenance or use of the automobile in the business of such insured.

IV. Automatic Insurance for Newly Acquired Automobiles. If the named insured who is the owner of the automobile acquires ownership of another automobile, such insurance as is afforded by this policy applies also to such other automobile as of the date of its delivery to him, subject to the following additional conditions: (1) if the company insures all automobiles owned by the named insured at the date of such delivery, insurance applies to such other automobile, if it is used for pleasure purposes or in the business of the named insured as expressed in the declarations, but only to the extent applicable to all such previously owned automobiles; (2) if the company does not insure all automobiles owned by the named insured at the date of such delivery, insurance applies to such other automobile, if it replaces an automobile described in this policy and may be classified for the purpose of use stated in this policy, but only to the extent applicable to the replaced automobile; (3) the insurance afforded by this policy automatically terminates upon the replaced automobile at the date of such delivery; and (4) this agreement does not apply (a) to any loss against which the named insured has other valid and collectible insurance, nor (b) unless the named insured notifies the company within ten days following the date of delivery of such other automobile, nor (c) except during the policy period, but if the date of delivery of such other automobile is prior to the effective date of this policy the insurance applies as of the effective date of this policy, nor (d) unless the named insured pays any additional premium required because of the application of this insurance to such other automobile.

V. Policy Period, Territory, Purposes of Use. This policy applies only to accidents which occur and to direct losses to the property insured which are sustained during the policy period, while the automobile is within the United States in North America (exclusive of Alaska) or the Dominion of Canada, or while on a coastwise vessel between ports within said territory, and is owned, maintained and used for the purposes stated as applicable thereto in the declarations.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply:

(a) Under any of the above coverages, while the automobile is used in the business of demonstrating or testing, or as a public or livery conveyance, or for carrying persons for a consideration, or while rented under contract or leased, unless such use is specifically declared and described in this policy and premium charged therefor;

(b) Under any of the above coverages, while the automobile is operated by any person in any prearranged race or competitive speed test; or to any accident or to any direct loss to the property insured which occurs after the transfer during the policy period of the interest of the named insured in the automobile, without the written consent of the company;

(c) Under Coverages A and B, and under Coverage C with respect to loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, while the automobile is operated by any person under the age of fourteen years, or by any person in violation of any state, federal or provincial law as to age applicable to such person or to his occupation;

(d) Under Coverages A and B, to any liability assumed by the insured under any contract or agreement; or while the automobile is used for the towing of any trailer not covered by like insurance in the company; or while any trailer covered by this policy is used with any automobile not covered by like insurance in the company;

(e) Under Coverage A, to bodily injury to or death of any employee of the insured while engaged in the business of the insured, other than domestic employment, or in the operation, maintenance or repair of the automobile; or to any obligation for which the insured may be held liable under any workmen's compensation law;

(f) Under Coverage B, to property owned by, rented to, leased to, in charge of, or transported by the insured;

(g) under Coverage C:

(1) to (a) loss of use; (b) depreciation; (c) robes, wearing apparel and other personal effects;

(2) to (a) wear and tear; (b) mechanical or electrical breakdowns, failures or breakages; (c) freezing; (d) damage to tires; except where such loss results directly from other loss which is covered hereunder;

(3) to loss of tools or repair equipment by theft, robbery or pilferage unless the entire automobile is stolen;

(4) to loss due to: (a) wrongful conversion, embezzlement or secretion by a mortgagor, vendee, lessee or other person in lawful possession of the insured property under a mortgage, conditional sale, lease or other contract or agreement, whether written or verbal; (b) war, invasion, military, naval or usurped power; (c) confiscation or authorized destruction by duly constituted governmental or civil authorities;

(5) while the automobile (a) is used in any illicit or prohibited trade or transportation; or (b) is subject to any lien, mortgage or other encumbrance not specifically described in the policy.

Conditions

Conditions 1 to 7 inclusive apply to all Coverages. Conditions 8 to 22 inclusive apply only to the Coverage or Coverages noted thereunder.

1. Automobile Defined. Two or More Automobiles. Except where specifically stated to the contrary, the word "automobile" wherever used in this policy shall mean the motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer described herein; and the word "trailer" shall include semi-trailer. When two or more automobiles are insured hereunder, the terms of this policy shall apply separately to each but as respects limits of bodily injury liability and property damage liability a motor vehicle and a trailer or trailers attached thereto shall be held to be one automobile.

2. Assistance and Cooperation of the Insured. The insured shall cooperate with the company and, upon the company's request, shall attend hearings and trials and shall assist in effecting settlements, securing and giving evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses and in the conduct of suits and the company shall reimburse the insured for any expense, other than loss of earnings, incurred at the company's request. The insured shall not, except at his own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation or incur any expense other than for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of the accident.

3. Subrogation. In the event of any payment under this policy, the company shall be subrogated to all the insured's rights of recovery therefor and the insured shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights.

4. Changes. No notice to any agent, or knowledge possessed by any agent or by any other person shall be held to effect a waiver or change in any part of this policy nor estop the company from asserting any right under the terms of this policy; nor shall the terms of this policy be waived or changed, except by endorsement issued to form a part hereof, signed by the President, a Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary of the company, the Superintendent of its Automobile Division, or a Registrar specially authorized; provided, however, that changes may be made in the written portion of the declarations by a manager or general agent of the company when initialed by such manager or general agent.

5. Assignment. No assignment of interest under this policy shall bind the company until its consent is endorsed hereon; if, however, the named insured shall die or be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent within the policy period, this policy, unless canceled, shall, if written notice be given to the company within thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication, cover (1) the named insured's legal representative as the named insured, and (2) subject otherwise to the provisions of Paragraph III, and only as respects Coverages A and B, any person having proper temporary custody of the automobile, as an insured, until the appointment and qualification of such legal representative, but in no event for a period of more than thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication.

6. Cancelation. This policy may be canceled by the named insured by mailing written notice to the company stating when thereafter such cancelation shall be effective, in which case the company shall, upon demand, refund the excess of premium paid by such insured above the customary short rate premium for the expired term. This policy may be canceled by the company by mailing written notice to the named insured at the address shown in this policy stating when not less than five days thereafter such cancelation shall be effective, and upon demand the company shall refund the excess of premium paid by such insured above the pro rata premium for the expired term. The mailing of notice as aforesaid shall be sufficient proof of notice and the insurance under this policy as aforesaid shall end on the effective date and hour of cancelation stated in the notice. Delivery of such written notice either by the named insured or by the company shall be equivalent to mailing. The company's check or the check of its representative similarly mailed or delivered shall be a sufficient tender of any refund of premium due to the named insured. If required by statute in the state where this policy is issued, refund of premium due to the named insured shall be tendered with notice of cancelation when the policy is canceled by the company and refund of premium due to the named insured shall be made upon computation thereof when the policy is canceled by the named insured.

7. Declarations. By acceptance of this policy the named insured agrees that the statements in the declarations are his agreements and representations, that this policy is issued in reliance upon the truth of such representations, and that this policy embodies all agreements existing between himself and the company or any of its agents relating to this insurance.

8. Limits of Liability. Coverage A — The limit of bodily injury liability expressed in the declarations as applicable to "each person" is the limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident; the limit of such liability expressed in the declarations as applicable to "each accident" is, subject to the above provision respecting each person, the total limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident.

9. Limits of Liability. Coverages A and B — The inclusion herein of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

10. Limit of Liability. Coverage C — The company's limit of liability with respect to the automobile and its equipment shall be the actual cash value of the property upon which loss is claimed at the time the loss occurs, or the cost of its suitable repair or replacement not in excess of such cash value, and loss shall be ascertained or estimated accordingly and shall in no event exceed the limit of liability, if any, stated in Item 4 of the declarations. In the event of such loss as is covered under this policy the full amount of such loss shall be determined by such ascertainment or estimate between the parties hereto, or if they differ, then by appraisal as hereinafter provided.

11. Financial Responsibility Laws. Coverages A and B — Any insurance provided by this policy for bodily injury liability or property damage liability shall conform to the provisions of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law of any state or province which shall be applicable with respect to any such liability arising from the use of the automobile during the policy period, to the extent of the coverage and limits of liability required by such law, but in no event in excess of the limits of liability stated in this policy. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company on account of any accident, claim or suit, involving a breach of the terms of this policy and for any payment the company would not have been obligated to make under the provisions of this policy except for the agreement contained in this paragraph.

12. Notice of Accident—Claim or Suit. Coverages A and B — Upon the occurrence of an accident written notice shall be given by or on behalf of the insured to the company or any of its authorized agents as soon as practicable. Such notice shall contain particulars sufficient to identify the insured and also reasonably obtainable information respecting the time, place and circumstances of the accident, the name and address of the injured and of any available witnesses. If claim is made or suit is brought against the insured, the insured shall immediately forward to the company every demand, notice, summons or other process received by him or his representative.

13. Notice of Loss. Coverage C — In the event of loss covered hereby the insured shall give immediate notice thereof in writing to the company. In the event of theft, robbery or pilferage the insured shall also give immediate notice thereof to the police.

14. Action Against Company. Coverages A and B — No action shall lie against the company unless, as a condition precedent thereto, the insured shall have fully complied with all the conditions hereof, nor until the amount of the insured's obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the insured after actual trial or by written agreement of the insured, the claimant, and the company, nor in either event unless suit is instituted within two years and one day after the date of such judgment or written agreement.

Any person or his legal representative who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under the terms of this policy in the same manner and to the same extent as the insured. Nothing contained in this policy shall give any person or organization any right to join the company as a co-defendant in any action against the insured to determine the insured's liability.

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured shall not relieve the company of any of its obligations hereunder.

15. Action Against Company. Coverage C — No action shall lie against the company on account of any claim hereunder until the amount of loss shall have been finally determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 10, nor unless commenced within twelve months next after the happening of the loss.

16. Other Insurance. Coverages A and B — If the named insured has other insurance against a loss covered by this policy, the company shall not be liable under this policy for a greater proportion of such loss than the applicable limit of liability expressed in the declarations bears to the total applicable limit of liability of all valid and collectible insurance against such loss.

17. Other Insurance. Coverage C — No recovery shall be had under this policy if at the time a loss occurs there be any other insurance, whether such other insurance be valid and collectible or not, covering such loss, which would attach if this insurance had not been effected.

18. Proof of Loss. Coverage C — Within sixty (60) days after loss, unless such time is extended in writing by the company, the insured shall render a statement to the company, signed and sworn to by the insured, stating the place, time and cause of the loss, the interest of the insured and of all others in the property, the sound value thereof and the amount of loss, all encumbrances thereon, and all other insurance, whether valid and collectible or not, covering said property; and the insured, as often as required, shall submit to examinations under oath by any person named by the company, and subscribe the same; and as often as required, shall produce for examination all books of account, bills, invoices, and other vouchers, or certified copies thereof if originals be lost, at such reasonable place as may be designated by the company or its representative, and shall permit extracts and copies thereof to be made.

19. Appraisal, Repair, Replacement, Abandonment. Coverage C — In case the insured and the company shall fail to agree as to the amount of loss each shall, on the written demand of either, select a competent and disinterested appraiser and the two appraisers so chosen shall first select a competent and disinterested umpire. The appraisers shall then appraise the loss, and failing to agree shall submit their differences only, to the umpire. The written award of any two shall determine the amount of loss. The insured and the company shall each pay his or its chosen appraiser and shall bear equally the other expenses of appraisal and umpire.

The company shall have reasonable opportunity to examine any property insured hereunder, upon which loss is claimed, before repairs are undertaken or physical evidence of loss removed.

The company shall not be held to have waived any of the terms of this policy or any forfeiture thereof by any requirement, act, or proceeding on its part relating to the appraisal, or to any examination provided for herein.

The company may, at its option, either repair or replace any part or all of the insured property upon which loss is claimed with other of like kind and quality or pay to the insured in money the full amount of such loss as determined in accordance with the pro-

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visions of this policy, subject, however, to such deduction, if any, as may be applicable thereto. There can be no abandonment to the company of any property insured hereunder.

20. Protection of Salvage. Coverage C — In the event of any loss whether insured against hereunder or not, the insured shall protect the property from other or further loss, and any such other or further loss due directly or indirectly to the insured's failure to protect shall not be recoverable under this policy. Any such act of the insured or the company or its agents in recovering, saving and preserving the property described herein, shall be considered as done for the benefit of all concerned and without prejudice to the rights of either party, and where the loss suffered constitutes a claim under this policy, then all reasonable expenses thus incurred shall also constitute a claim under this policy, provided, however, that the company shall not be responsible for the payment of a reward offered for the recovery of the insured property unless authorized by the company.

21. Loss for Which Carrier or Bailee for Hire is Liable. Coverage C — The company shall not be liable for loss with respect to the automobile while the automobile is in the possession of a carrier or bailee for hire under a contract, stipulation or assignment whereby the benefit of this insurance is sought to be made available to such carrier or bailee; provided, however, that the insured may without prejudice to this insurance accept such bill of lading, receipts or contracts of transportation as are ordinarily issued by carriers, bailees or others containing a limitation of their liability for injury to property while in the possession of such carriers, bailees or others.

22. Statutory Provisions. Coverage C — Any and all provisions of this policy which are in conflict with the statutes of the State wherein this policy is issued are understood, declared and acknowledged by this company to be amended to conform to such statutes.

In Witness Whereof, The Travelers Indemnity Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverages A and B and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

J. S. Gannison
Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

In Witness Whereof, The Travelers Fire Insurance Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverage C and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

Edmund Ewing.
Vice President and Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

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[Burdett Ins. Co.]

William E. B. Du Bois

SAFE DRIVER REWARD ENDORSEMENT

Amending Policy No. MC 1289352

It is agreed that the Company shall refund to the named insured, not less than thirty days after expiration of the policy, 15% of the Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability premium for each private passenger automobile classified as "pleasure and business" while the policy affords insurance for both Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability with respect to such automobile without rate adjustment because of experience, fleet or other rating plans, provided:

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1. Thirty days after expiration of the policy there is pending no claim and the company is maintaining no loss reserve and has paid no loss, other than for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of the accident, under either the Bodily Injury Liability or the Property Damage Liability coverage on account of an accident arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such automobile while the policy applies thereto; and
2. The word "automobile" wherever used in this endorsement shall mean such automobile and the automobile, if any, of the same classification which replaces it; and
3. When the policy affords insurance with respect to a trailer used only with such an automobile, or with respect to the operation by the insured of undesignated automobiles, the premium and experience for such other insurance shall be deemed a part of the premium and experience of the highest rated automobile to which this endorsement is applicable; and
4. The policy affords insurance for both Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability during a policy period of twelve months, and the policy is not canceled during such period although insurance may be suspended; and
5. Evidence of financial responsibility under a Financial Responsibility Law is not furnished under the policy for the named insured or for any other person or organization because of (A) conviction of any person for (1) driving an automobile at an excessive rate of speed or in a reckless manner where an injury to person or damage to property actually results therefrom, (2) driving an automobile while intoxicated, (3) failing to stop and report when involved in an accident or (4) homicide or assault, or (B) conviction of any person for any other offense which requires the initial filing of such evidence during the policy period.

This endorsement is executed by The Travelers Insurance Company as respects insurance afforded by that company only; it is executed by The Travelers Indemnity Company as respects insurance afforded by that company only.

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY

L. J. Kemp

Secretary
Compensation and Liability Dept.

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY

F. S. Garrison

Secretary

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Automobile Insurance

AMENDMENT OF PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT

Effective from February 2, 1938 Amending Policy numbered MC 1289352
At 12:01 A. M. Standard Time

Issued to William E. B. Du Bois

It is agreed that as of the effective date hereof this Policy is amended in the following particulars:

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Advance Premiums to read as noted below, instead of as originally specified:

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Total Advance Premium $ 97.40

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Secretary

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October 6, 1939

Gentlemen:

I want a Burgess "C" battery, 4½ volts No. 2370. It is also marked on the side BDF7 or FDF7. If you have a distributing agency here, let me know. I have not found one. Otherwise send it to me and I will remit or you may send it C. O. D.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am happy to advise you that Burr, Patterson and Auld Company has had the vision to place a Negro in charge of Negro salesmen in developing the Negro market.

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Very truly yours,

W. C. Matnay

W. C. Matnay, for
BURR, PATTERSON & AULD COMPANY

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17-32-15

157-10 110th Ave.,
Jamaica, N.Y.
April 28, 1939.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thinking you would be interested to know the first general effect of Wm. Grant Still's "Negro Song" for the World's Fair, I am enclosing a report by the N.Y. Times of April 25.

Tell Mrs. Du Bois how grateful I am for the photograph and the copy of the Revelation of St. Ongi the Damned; and that I will write her before she leaves Atlanta for the Fair. Surely, you'll permit me to see you at least once, when you come.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Burroughs.

May 19, 1939

My dear Mr. Burroughs:

Thank you for the clipping which you sent me. We are going to be in New York this summer and are subletting Brenda Moryck's apartment at 35 West 110th Street. We shall hope to see you.

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Mrs. Du Bois joins in best regards to you and the family.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles Burroughs
157-10 110th Avenue,
Jamaica, New York

17-19-11-6

February 10, 1939

My dear Dr. Butler:

I wonder if you will do me a service? I am going to be absent in the West lecturing and I want you to talk to my class in Race Problems, Thursday, February sixteenth, at 4:10 p. m. in my room, Administration Building, No. 209. This is a small class of five graduate students and I should li e to have you talk about the Jewish problem as you have come across it in Europe, particularly in Germany. I am sure they would appreciate anything you would say.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. H. R. Butler
239 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

17-19-100

February 1, 1939

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check for $4.40. Will you please send me two tickets for the Marian Anderson recital. I should prefer to have them in the orchestra or front seats in the first balcony not too near the stage. I am a colored teacher in Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Atlanta, Georgia

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
BOYCE THOMPSON INSTITUTE
FOR PLANT RESEARCH
YONKERS, N. Y.

March 20, 1939

17-33-192

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Thank you for that remarkably able paper. I shall have to read it again before my mind will compass it fully, but my first reading leaves me with the impression that it is a document of strictly first importance. I appreciate having it.

Sincerely yours,

Otis W. Caldwell

Otis W. Caldwell

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

OWC:S

17-19-111

February 10, 1939

My dear Mrs. Cannon:

Will you talk to my class in Social Institutions Wednesday morning, February fifteenth, on "Education as a Social Institution"? The class consists of ten graduate students and I shall appreciate your services if you can possibly give them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Cannon
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

[Carnegie Corporation]

17-27-18

May 30, 1939

My dear Mr. Keppel:

Here is a suggestion which I cannot help making: a fairly steady stream of white students and investigators have been flowing through the United States from Africa and especially South Africa during the last few years. Several have touched Atlanta University. I have been glad to meet them. I also know that some white Americans acquainted with our race problem have been sent to Africa but have any Negroes been sent to West and South Africa by the Carnegie Irrtitution? If not, do you not think that the education of the white and black folk in South and West Africa is suffering seriously? All of which leads up to the obvious conclusion that I need to see more of Africa than I have and would be glad to sacrifice my time to some such project.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frank P. Keppel
Carnegie Foundation
522 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 9, 1939

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

I have your letter of May 30 and hasten to assure you that this is not the first time we have thought of you in connection with our visitors' program. As I think you know, we have always tried to hold to the principle of local initiative in dealing with the Dominions, and accordingly I should like to sound out some of our friends ~~down there~~ in the Union of S.A. before discussing the matter with you further.

Plans are already made for visits by two American social scientists during the calendar year 1939-40, and I am not entirely sure that they could absorb a third one, however distinguished and competent, at this time. Be that as it may, I'll make some discreet inquiries and get in touch with you again later.

Sincerely yours,

F. P. Keppel

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 29, 1939

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois

I've just heard from our friends in South Africa, and to my disappointment they seem to be in doubt as to the desirability of your making a visit to the Union just now. A member of our South African Committee, and a former member of the Government, is planning to visit us during the coming winter, and with your permission I'd like to postpone further consideration until I have a chance to see him and perhaps have you see him also.

As I say, I am disappointed in this matter, but we have done pretty well in the past fifteen years by seeking and following Dominion advice - and I hesitate to break away from the policy.

Sincerely yours

F P Keppel

FPK/f

[Carnegie Found]

November 22, 1939

My dear Mr. Keppel:

I am going to bother you again with memoranda on two subjects which are very near my heart. It is quite likely that you can do nothing about them but I hope you will see some way to be of assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frank Keppel
Carnegie Foundation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

November 22, 1939

Memorandum to the Carnegie Foundation on the present plight of Elizabeth Prophet, sculptor:

Some years ago the Carnegie Foundation proposed to Miss Prophet that she should leave her studio in Paris and go to some southern Negro institution and teach sculpture as well as work at her art. Miss Prophet at first refused. John Hope then went to Paris and persuaded her to come to Atlanta University. She thought she had a clear understanding: (1) that she would be paid a reasonable salary (2) that she would have a studio in which to work (3) that she would be furnished materials and time for her work.

Miss Prophet was at that time in fair way to be recognized as one of the outstanding sculptors of our day and she had some misgivings in leaving her Paris studio and surroundings although she was working under straitened circumstances and under many disadvantages. She came to Atlanta University. There was a good deal of delay in providing a studio and materials. Before any decision had been come to President Hope died. Finally, Miss Prophet found that without being personally consulted she was connected with Spelman College and not with Atlanta University. After five years' work under great difficulty she at last today has a studio adequate for her work. She has two large works in plaster ready to be put into wood or marble. She has a half dozen smaller works. She has trained a number of students to make creditable exhibits from time to time but she has no money for material and her salary is considerably smaller than that promised and hardly enough to support her. It seems a pity that now when she is just ready to do outstanding work she should be left almost helpless and unfriended. If judgment of her works and needs are demanded a competent committee should be sent to look over the situation. As it is almost nobody concerned with her work has the vaguest idea of the problems of sculpture.

Carnegie Foundation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

November 22, 1939.

Memorandum to the Carnegie Foundation:

I came to Atlanta University in 1935, with the distinct wish on the part of President Hope that we would begin here again the work of research and publication which was given up when I left in 1910. The publications of Atlanta University from 1897 to 1910 and four others made with my assistance from 1910 to 1914 formed for a long time the factual basis of nearly all attempts to study the Negro problem. Since that time this study has widen and many phases of it are being carried on by white and Negro institutions. Nevertheless there is a distinct place here at Atlanta University for us to take part in this study and continue our former work.

To this end five years ago I proposed to President Hope a quarterly journal for research, study and expression to be published at Atlanta University. The idea met some open and some veiled opposition but finally the trustees have agreed that such a publication should be issued quarterly beginning with January, 1940. They have designated me as editor-in-chief and on my editorial board are trained men in modern languages, sociology, psychology and literature having doctor's degrees from Brown, Harvard, Indiana, Chicago and Columbia. We are going to make every effort to publish a journal here which will be useful not simply for science but for literature and art. For this purpose the amount appropriated, two thousand dollars, is of course too little. It ought to be be at least four thousand dollars.

I am, therefore, asking if it would not be possible for your board to contribute say one thousand dollars for one year or for a series of years toward the support of this journal.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Carnegie Foundation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 4, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois

The two memoranda which your letter of the 22nd contains will have the careful attention of my associates. Let me say, however, that Miss Prophet's memory is not in accord with mine as to the reason why she went to Atlanta in the first instance, and the records in my office confirm this.

Sincerely yours

F. Keppel

FPK akb

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[Carnegie Corp]

December 6, 1939

My dear Mr. Keppel:

Answering your letter of December fourth, the chief point with regard to Miss Prophet is not, of course, the understanding with which she came to Atlanta University. Of that I only know by hearsay, by what President Hope said and her general understanding which may be, of course, inaccurate. The main matter now is: here is a gifted woman who ought to be allowed to pursue and finish a great career. She is absolutely held up by the fact that she cannot get material to work on. The Georgia marble which she could get cheaply is structural and architectural marble and not at all suited for sculpture. She should have for use the best and most fitted material. Miss Prophet if of course nervous and temperamental as artists are apt to be. She has had a most difficult career and has faced all kinds of difficulties including almost starvation without a whimper. She does not know that I am making this appeal to you but I can conceive nothing that philanthropy could do just now to help art which would give greater returns than enable Elizabeth Prophet to do her work.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frank P. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 1939

17-29-02

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois

I have your letter of December 6. Miss Prophet is a gifted woman, and you are a man whose suggestions I would like to follow. Let me see if I can find a way to get her some of the materials she needs.

Sincerely yours

FPKnapp

FPK/f

Dear Elizabeth:
Read & return
W.E.B.D

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THE SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

R. A. Carter, Presiding Bishop
4408 Vincennes Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

July 6, 1939

Dear Sir:

I am reading with a great deal of interest your recent work, Black Folks, Then and Now. I notice on page 31 in the footnote that the printer evidently made a mistake. There is no 37th verse of the 18th Chapter of Isaiah. The story of Sennacherib is found in II King 18:13 and in Isaiah 36:1, 16, 19 and chapter 37. I thought maybe you would want to correct that in your next edition.

should have been Isaiah 37:18?

Yours very truly,

(signed) R. A. Carter

17-28-410

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 2, 1939

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your correction of my error in BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW. The reference should have been Isaiah 37:18.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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January 12, 1939

Dr. E. D. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I hope that you haven't thought that I had forgotten you, but I have been so busy that I just haven't gotten around to letting you know how I appreciated your most learned letter on the subject that I wrote to you about.

The letter, I believe, went the rounds, that is, my friends here must have had a Priest in and around this vacinity read it. In fact, the leading Catholics here must have read it over as it was three weeks in getting back to me, and it came back with the expressions that it was correct. It made me feel very proud, so you can see there were quite a few reasons for my not answering your letter earlier. I want you to know that when it comes to Ancient history I have always thought much of your decisions.

Here is hoping that you had a lovely Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year as my best wishes are to you and your family.

Yours,

William Carter

WC:le

[Charlton-Pollard High School]

Beaumont City Schools

R. T. TATUM
Principal Charlton-Pollard
High School

M. E. MOORE, Superintendent

Beaumont, Texas,

March 20, 1939

Request for information

17-19-89

Dr W E B BuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I know that you are very busy, Dr DuBois, but I simply must ask you to do me a favor. Our school has entered the Inter-Scholastic League and we shall debate the question, Resolved: That Negro High Schools Should Be Re-Organized on a Vocational Basis. We have exhausted all means trying to find material that will support the negative side, and up to now we have not been able to find anything.

It seems to me that sometime ago, you wrote articles opposing Vocational Education. If I am right in my belief, will you please, send me any information that you have or know in opposition to this question. I shall appreciate your giving reasons to support the negative side. If there are any charges, I shall be glad to pay same.

Yours truly,

Mrs Cassie M Taylor

Mrs Cassie M Taylor
1530 Levy

[Charlton-Pollard High School]

March 22, 1939

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My dear Madam:

The best and latest work that you can get on the place of vocational training in education is Gallagher's AMERICAN CASTE AND THE NEGRO COLLEGE. It has just been published by Columbia University. Gallagher is president of Talladega College.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Cassie H. Taylor
1530 Levy
Beaumont, Texas

[1939?]

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Du Bois send
congratulations and best wishes to
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy Chavis
on the occasion of their marriage.

12-18-12

January twenty-sixth
Nineteen hundred thirty eight

17-21-06

Mr. Leslie P. Hill,
Cheyney Training School for Teachers,
Cheyney, Pennsylvania.

Unable to come April Twenty one. Previous engagement.

W. E. B. Du Bois.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES

DEPARTMENT OF LECTURES
6800 STEWART AVENUE
TELEPHONE WENTWORTH 1342

January 25, 1939.

LILLIAN HERSTEIN
DIRECTOR

VIA AIR MAIL

Professor W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Professor DuBois:

In the fall of 1934 there were established in Chicago, by the City Board of Education, three junior colleges to take the place of the one which had been abolished in the interests of economy in the summer of 1933. There were introduced in these colleges Survey Courses similar to those offered at the Universities of Chicago and Minnesota. The lectures in these courses are given by members of the faculty of the three colleges, but there is a modest appropriation in the budget for the employment of guest lecturers to supplement the work of our own instructors. It is my function to engage the guest lecturers for the Surveys and the General Assemblies, who have been agreed upon in conference with the faculty members. Ever since I was assigned to do this work I have been examining the programs of forums in the Chicago area in the hope that you would be lecturing here at a time when our program needs coincided with your presence in Chicago.

17-33-135

I notice that you are to be the university speaker at the chapel of the University of Chicago on Sunday, February 12. By that time we will be in the second week of our new semester. The deans of the three colleges, the faculty committees and I are most eager to have you speak to our students either in the Survey of the Social Sciences or in a General Assembly. In the Survey of the Social Sciences there is a lecture on "Americanization" that comes about the time you will be here. The schedule would work out as follows:

HERZL JUNIOR COLLEGE, 3711 Douglas Blvd.
Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00

WILSON JUNIOR COLLEGE, 6800 Stewart Ave.
Wednesday, February 15 at 9:00 & 2:00

WRIGHT JUNIOR COLLEGE, 3400 N. Austin Ave.
Thursday, February 16 at 8:00 - 10:00 - 12:30 & 2:30

As I said before our appropriation for this work is modest, and I am allowed to offer each lecturer only $20.00 for a lecture. The arrangement, however, is a sort of "piece work rate". It is $20.00 for each "performance" and for this lecture

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January 25, 1939.

LILLIAN HERSTEIN
DIRECTOR

the total would be $140.00. I am allowed to increase the rate, however, to $25.00 to lecturers who come from an area not close to Chicago. Therefore, the total fee I could offer you is $175.00. You would be giving, you understand, the same lecture to seven different groups of students. If it would fit in better with your schedule, the lecture at Herzl could be given on Friday, the Seventeenth.

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The students enrolled in these classes are college freshmen in their second semester. Many of them have had no special course in economics or sociology. The lecture period is fifty minutes in length. I am enclosing a list of the lectures in the course and indicating the names of the guest lecturers whom we are inviting for this semester. The General Assemblies are not working out so well this semester because of the program difficulties which have arisen on account of the increase in the registration. If you felt that you could lecture only once at each of the colleges we might work it out as follows:

HERZL - Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00
WILSON- Wednesday, February 15 at 9:00
WRIGHT- Wednesday, February 15 at 1:30

The total fee in this instance would be $75.00. I would take care of your transportation back and forth from the colleges.

I do earnestly hope that you will be able to arrange your schedule so that you can lecture for our students. I am most eager to have them hear you, and I am equally desirous of having you come in contact with the underprivileged young people whom our three colleges are endeavoring to serve. I realize that this is rather late notice. As soon as I noticed your name on the program of the University of Chicago I began to plan inviting you. I could not, however, determine upon the dates as the program of the three colleges had not yet been completed. I would appreciate as early a reply as possible. If you find you can come I wish you would send me a gloss print and also some data that I can use for publicity in addition to what I shall doubtless find in "Whose Who".

Hoping that you will be able to accept our invitation, I am

Cordially yours,

Lillian Herstein

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Director of Lectures.

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Day Letter January 26, 1939

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Miss Lillian Herstein
Chicago City Colleges
6800 Stewart Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Can speak for you Tuesday, February fourteenth, Thursday, February sixteenth after nine o'clock and Friday, February ~~fifteenth~~ seventeenth stop letter follows.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Charge to Main 5328

January 26, 1939

17-33-141

My dear Madam:

Answering your letter of January twenty-fifth, I beg to say that I could speak for you Tuesday, February fourteenth at any hour during the day. On the fifteenth, I am speaking in Lincoln, Nebraska but I could return, arriving in Chicago at 8:38 a. m., Union Station, Thursday, February sixteenth. I could speak at any time thereafter on Thursday and also on Friday. Kindly let me know what arrangements y u can make c ncerning these dates.

I should be glad to talk in a Survey on the Social Sciences and on Americanization. I am enclosing a general list of my lectures and my biography taken from Who's Who and also a photograph.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Lillian Herstein
Chicago City Colleges
6800 Stewart Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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DIRECTOR

January 27, 1939.

VIA AIR MAIL

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

17-33-137

My dear Professor DuBois:

I received your telegram and your letter, and I want to thank you for replying to my letter so promptly.

I am delighted to find that you can arrange your schedule so that it will be possible for you to lecture at all of our junior colleges. I am assuming that the date February 17 which you gave me in your letter is the correct one, and not Friday, February 15 which was stated in your telegram.

It is agreed then that you will lecture to the sections in the Survey of the Social Sciences on "Americanization" in accordance with the following schedule:

Cr 8.20 Gr. C. Sta

HERZL JUNIOR COLLEGE, 3711 Douglas Boulevard
Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00

Subject Arranged

Cr. 8:38 Union Sta

WRIGHT JUNIOR COLLEGE, 3400 North Austin Avenue
Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 - 12:30 & 2:30

WILSON JUNIOR COLLEGE, 6800 Stewart Avenue
Friday, February 17 at 9:00 & 2:00

Lunch @ 12:30

It will be easy for you to reach Wright Junior College by taxi on Thursday morning when you return from Lincoln, Nebraska. I am enclosing a list of directions for reaching each of the colleges, which we send to all of our lecturers at the weekend preceding their lecture. As I shall be at Wright the morning you lecture, I may meet you and drive with you to Wright. If a faculty member does not meet you, please take a taxi and have the taxi driver take you directly to each of the schools.

If it is convenient for you I could see you before you make the rounds of our colleges, as I live on the south side and frequently attend the services at the University Chapel. You might drop me a line and let me know just where you are going to stay while you are in Chicago so that I can get in touch with you if necessary. My office telephone is on this stationery; my home telephone is Hyde Park 8095.

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January 27, 1939.

Professor W. E. B. DuBois - 2 -

I am working out all these details which may seem very minute to you, because I realize what a heavy schedule I have asked you to give and I want to arrange transportation, etc. so that you can get to our three widely scattered colleges with a minimum of strain. Please feel free to ask me any questions that come to your mind.

The deans and the faculty members in charge of the Survey in the Social Sciences are delighted to hear that you can arrange to lecture at our colleges.

Cordially yours,

Lillian Herstein

LH.AC

Director of Lectures.

12-33-138

Transmigration
Race Nations + Class

Romance
Ideals
Irrational
Rational + Irrational
Love + race + class

January 31, 1939

17-33-143

My dear Madam:

I have your letter of January 27, and will fill the following date at your junior colleges speaking on Americanization and using the same lecture for the six speeches:

Herzl Junior College, 3711 Douglas Boulevard
Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00

Wright Junior College, 3400 North Austin Avenue
Thursday, February 16 at 10:00, 12:30 and 2:30

Wilson Junior College, 6800 Stewart Avenue
Friday, February 17 at 9:00 and 2:00

In Chicago, I am staying at the home of Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones, telephone number - Kenwood 8760. I shall be in town on the twelfth but leave on the morning of the thirteenth for Springfield, Ohio returning the morning of the fourteenth. I will call you up Sunday afternoon and perhaps we could have an interview before my Sunday evening lecture.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Lillian Herstein
Chicago City Colleges
6800 Stewart Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

[c Feb. 14, 1939]

17-33-139

THE CHICAGO JUNIOR COLLEGES

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LECTURE TOPICS, SOCIAL SCIENCE I, II

I. Introduction to Social Problems
   2. Social Change and Problem Areas
   4. Culture and ~~Problem Areas~~ Social Institutions

II. The Family
   3. Social Change and the Family
   ~~Social~~ Family Stability Mowrer - Northwestern
   5. The Youth Problem

III. Business
   6. The Problem of Increasing Production
   7. Technological Change
   8. Men and Machines
   9. Business Organization Hawkesian - Northwestern
   10. Economic Interdependence
   11. Competition versus Monopoly
   12. Price Instability Holme - Northwestern
   13. The Money Problem
   14. Banking
   15. Depression Remedies

IV. Labor
   16. Wages and Employment
   17. Unemployment H. L. McCarthy - Regional Security Board
   18. Labor Organization Horstein
   19. Labor Legislation Spencer, U. of C.
   20. Women and Children in Industry Horstein

V. Wealth and Income
   21. Standards of Living
   22. The Causes of Inequality Eliot - Northwestern
   23. The Reduction of Inequality
   24. Consumer Education and Legislation
   25. Consumer Cooperation

VI. Social Security
   26. Private Insurance Programs Herbert
   27. Social and Economic Dependence
   28. Relief and Public Works
   29. Social Security Legislation McCarthy

VII. Social Maladjustment
   30. Crime and Delinquency
   31. The Administration of Justice Campbell - Kent College of Laws
   32. The Treatment of Criminals
   33. The Prevention of Crime Clifford Shaw - Institute for Juvenile Research.
   34. Feeblemindedness and Insanity
   35. Other Social Maladjustments

VIII. Urban Problems
   36. Urban and Rural Communities Earl Johnson, U. of C.
   37. Urban Development Wirth U. of C.
   38. Home Rule for American Cities McKay - Northwestern
   39. Metropolitan Governments Lepawsky - Pub. Admin. Clearing House
   40. Public Safety ~~and Health~~ Judge Gutknecht

41. Traffic and Public Utilities
42. Housing Mackelmann - Metropolitan Housing Council.
43. Leisure and Recreation
44. City and Regional Planning
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IX. Population
45. Population Growth Stouffer, U. of C.
46. Population Shifts
47. Nationality and Race
48. Americanization Du Bois, Atlanta.

X. Popular Participation in Government
49. Social Control Bernard, Washington U., St. Louis
50. Leadership
51. The Agencies of Public Opinion
52. Public Opinion and Propaganda
53. The School and the Citizen
54. The Citizen's Rights and Duties
55. Pressure Groups and Political Parties
56. Party Machinery Kerwin, U. of C.
57. Invisible Government
58. The Improvement of Elections Cromell, U of C.
59. The Initiative, Referendum, and Recall

XI. Governmental Efficiency
60. Democracy versus Autocracy
61. Federalism and Interstate Relationships
62. Lawmaking in the United States
63. Legislative Reform Kneier, U. of Ill.
64. The American Executive
65. Administrative Reorganization Brownlow, Pub. Adm. Clearing House
66. The Expert in Government Leonard White - U. of C.
67. The Merit System and the Public Service
68. American Courts Judicial Type - Federal Judge.
69. Constitutional Reform and Social ~~Service~~ Progress.
Dimock, U. of C.

XII. Taxation
70. State and Local Taxes
71. Federal Revenues
72. Budgetary Problems Simeon Leland - Nat'l Tax Commission U. of C.
73. ~~Taxes and Business~~ The Economics of Taxation, Jacoby U. of C.

XIII. Government, Business and Social Planning
74. Big Business and the Public Intrest
75. The Transportation Problem
76. The Control of Public Utilities
77. Government Ownership
78. The Control of Large Scale Private Business
79. The Farm Problem
80. The Conservation of Resources
81. Social Planning under Capitalism Spencer - U. of C.
82. Liberalism, Socialism, and Fascism McGovern - Northwestern

XIV. International Relations
83. Nationalism and Imperialism
84. Raw Materials and Population Pressures
85. Foreign Trade and Tariffs
86. Foreign Investments and Debts
87. International Organization Borchard - U. of Illinois
88. American Foreign Policies
89. Roads to Peace

17-33-140

February 24, 1939

17-33-144

My dear Miss Herstein:

I want to thank you for the opportunity of speaking before the junior colleges of Chicago. The program was a bit strenuous but I enjoyed it and appreciated your preparation and kind hospitality.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Lillian Herstein
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March 3, 1939.

17-33-145

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Dept. of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor DuBois:

Enclosed you will find two checks, one for $150.00 for your six "performances", and one for $2.90 for taxi fares.

I want to tell you how very much we all enjoyed your lectures and what a real contribution you made to our Survey in the Social Sciences. I hope that you did not find the experience too strenuous, and that you will be willing to lecture for our students again if you are ever in the Chicago area.

Under separate cover I shall return your photograph and also copies of the school papers of Wilson and Wright, which contain an account of your lecture. Herzl does not have a school paper.

Hoping that our paths will cross again, I am

Cordially yours,

Lillian Herstein

LH.AC

Director of Lectures.

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March 20, 1939.

Lectures - 1939

17-33-146

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois
Dept. of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Prof. DuBois:

Democracy in Education is a fine sounding ideal, but it has its limitations. I placed the responsibility upon the editors of our school paper to have cuts made of your picture so that we could publish one in each of the papers. Some where along the line the sense of responsibility fell down and Wright Junior College never got the cut. I am sending you a copy of each of the school papers. The "write-ups" were not supervised or censored. Any errors or crudeness or mistakes in organization are due to the fact that the students were allowed to do their own writing. I assure you that all of the students and faculty enjoyed your lecture very much and feel that you made a real contribution to our Survey in the Social Sciences.

I am also returning your picture. The smudges are due to things printers think they have to do to pictures before they make cuts.

Again hoping that your work will bring you Chicagoward soon so that you can lecture for our students again, I am

Cordially yours,

Lillian Herstein

LH.C

Director of Lectures.

March 22, 1939

17-33-147

My dear Miss Herstein:

Thank you very much for the copies of the school papers. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting the students again.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Lillian Herstein
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[Chicago Public Library]

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GEORGE C. HALL BRANCH
4801 SO. MICHIGAN AVE.

Chicago, Illinois
January 12, 1939.

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir;

Every year for Negro History Week, Hall Branch Library endeavors to have for its patrons, a representative exhibit suitable for this annual event.

Our plan this time is to display original manuscripts of contemporary Negro writers. In order to do this we are asking you to lend to the library a single page from an original manuscript, from either published or unpublished works. We feel certain that this material will make an outstanding exhibition and will arouse greater interest in Negro literature and those who produce it.

17-31-28

Any item that you may choose to send will be carefully protected and will be returned to you by March first, unless you wish it back sooner.

A photograph of yourself to be used with your manuscript, and which, with your permission, we may retain for our own files, would add much to the distinction of this display.

It would give the people who come to this branch library great pleasure to know that you have contributed to the exhibit.

May we please have your page of manuscript and a photograph by January 31, at the latest? Any effort you make toward the success of this project will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Jessie G. Harris

Branch Librarian

January 14, 1939

17-31-29

My dear Miss Harsh:

I am enclosing a page of a manuscript of an unpublished speech which I made when I first became a professor in Atlanta University in 1897. I thought this would be better suited to your purposes as it is in my own handwriting while nearly all the later published manuscripts were typewritten. I am also sending a picture.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Vivian A. Harsh
George C. Hall Branch Library
4801 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

[Chicago Public Library]

George C. Hall Branch Library
4801 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago Illinois

March 14, 1939

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your page of manuscript and photograph were distinct contributions to the recent exhibit held at Hall Branch Library for Negro History Week. Having them on display during your visit to Chicago and vicinity in February, gave inquiring persons an opportunity to see for themselves one of your unpublished manuscripts written in your handwriting.

12-31-38

All of us here at the library either attended both of your February 12th., lectures or listed to them over the radio. All are of the opinion that neither one of them could have been improved upon. Of course your suggestion about books and reading, made at the Sunday Evening Club, touched a kindred thought within the mind of every librarian.

Your new book " Black folk-then and now" is to reviewed at the last meeting, April 19, of the Book Review and Lecture Forum here at the library. It was scheduled to be given at an earlier date but was postponed upon learning that it would not be released until March.

The page of manuscript is being inclosed in this letter. Many thanks both for the use of it and the gift of the photograph.

Very sincerely,

Ursula G. Harsh

January 10, 1939

17-33-120

My dear Sir:

I shall arrive in Chicago, Saturday afternoon, February eleventh, and my address will be c/o Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones, 4809 Indiana Avenue, Chicago.

I write to ask the subject most appropriate for your Orchestra Hall Meeting. Which of the following subjects would you prefer:

1. The Ethics of Racial Discrimination

2. The Present Problem of Religion among Negroes

3. The Relation of the American Negro to the American Church.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Clifford W. Barnes
Chicago Sunday Evening Club
10 South La Salle Street, Suite 1340
Chicago

CHICAGO SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

10 South La Salle Street
Franklin 3556

Memorandum:

January 18, 1939

17-33-172

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois:

May we have at your earliest possible convenience a photograph to be used for publicity purposes. We shall be glad to return this within a few days.

Also, for radio purposes, we should like to have the correct pronunciation of your name.

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January 16, 1939

17-33-171

Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Prof. Du Bois:

Referring to your kind letter of January 10, I find it difficult to answer the question you ask as to which would be the best of the three subjects mentioned.

This Sunday evening service of the Club is distinctively religious, and whatever is of a controversial character, or has to do with national or economic problems, we prefer to omit.

I am sure you can give us a message that will minister to the needs of the chap who drifts in from the street, and is feeling depressed and alone.

Congratulating you on the fine work you have been doing at Atlanta University, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Clifford W. Barnes

January 20, 1939

17-22-122

Gentlemen:

I am sending herewith a photograph. My name is pronounced in the clear English fashion: Du, with u as in Sue; Bois, as oi in voice. The accent is on the second syllable.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Chicago Sunday Evening Club
10 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Franklin 5556

Memorandum:

January 30, 1939

17-33-174

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois

My dear Dr.DuBois;

Thank you for your kind letters, and all the information that you have given us. I think that Mr.Barnes wrote you about your address, the type and subject of it. May I have your topic now, as we will be sending the program to press in a few days.

Yours cordially,

Clara E. Randall

Executive Secretary

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Bulletin of Progress to Contributors:

Emily Post said recently that applause was not permissible at a religious ceremony. If she had attended any of the Sunday Evening Club meetings, she might have added "except at the Sunday Evening Club." Our audiences are so appreciative, and so eager to show their favorable response to the music and addresses, that they regularly applaud speakers, choir, soloists, and the announcements of Mr. Barnes. The liveliness, cheer and friendliness of the service are notable.

Through an unexpected shift in dates, the Club had the unique experience of presenting eight new speakers consecutively, beginning November 27. Counting those heard at the early meeting, thirteen "maiden speeches" have been given from our platform since October 9 last.

Throughout the season, young and old bring us word that, in the language of the old hymn, "there are tidings from afar of nations in commotion", but that the stir is not alone caused by the tramp of marching men. There is a great spiritual awakening manifest far and wide, and preparations are being made by men of good will for "Zion's war", to combat the brutality and paganism abroad in the world. Our great religious leaders bring us a challenge to enlist and valiantly labor under the banner of Christ. The Sunday Evening Club provides a high vantage point, from which to issue this "call to the colors." If we were to formulate a slogan from the addresses of this season, it would be: "Godly Men, Enlist and Unite."

The absence of the President, because of illness, during December, took some of the joy out of the holiday month, but the Christmas night service was given cheer by the announcement that he was recovering, and we started the New Year rejoicing at his return on January 8.

The safeguarding of the future of the Sunday Evening Club is ever on the heart and mind of the President. Recently he said that his great desire was that the Sunday Evening Club should always remain a distinctively religious organization, holding services for Christian inspiration and fellowship in the center of the city, as it has done for the past 32 years. The discussion of European problems, international affairs, and economic issues, would not be in keeping with the spirit of the movement. He wished to have the great truths of the Christian religion so presented to the people that their lives might be enriched and cheered by the Gospel message.

An Advisory Council of Chicago ministers, representing five different denominations, has been formed for the purpose of recommending speakers and program methods to the Board of Trustees. During February and March, when Mr. Barnes is obliged to be in California recuperating, the members of this Council will appear at the seven o'clock service of the Club, give short talks, and take part in the later meeting.

The Endowment Committee and the Membership Committee of the Board are hard at work to provide a financial foundation for the future. The campaign of the Membership Committee has added many new Sustaining Members this season.

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Cheering messages from the Club friends are a source of comfort and help to those responsible for this work. Samples:

"There is greater need for your Club than ever before. I want to do my bit."

"The Sunday Evening Club reaches more people, and does more spiritual good than any institution that I know of. Be sure to send me a reminder to contribute every year."

The attendance at the meetings continues to be very good. As early as six o'clock Sunday nights, there is a cluster of people in the outer lobby of Orchestra Hall. There is an eager rush when the doors open at 6:45, and a constant stream of young and old into the hall from then on until as late as 8:15. The informal character of the meetings makes it possible for people to drop in at any time.

Edward K. Welles, Secretary

17-33-175

February 2, 1939

My dear Madam:

My subject for the Sunday evening talk, February 12, will be "Progress by Poverty".

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Clara E. Randall
Chicago Sunday Evening Club
10 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

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10 South La Salle Street
Franklin 3356

Memorandum:

February 10, 1939

17-33-126

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois.

My dear Dr.DuBois;

It is our custom to send our speakers a program in advance for their information, and I enclose one for February 12, when we are looking forward to hearing you speak.

The ushers will direct you to the box floor, where you will meet the chairman and others taking part, and go down to the stage with them. You should be at Orchestra Hall not later than 7:45, but you are welcome at any time after the doors open at 6:45.

Mr.Barnes wants me to express his deep regret that he cannot be there Sunday and meet you. He will be on his way to California. He has been ill, and has been obliged to be absent from our meetings a good deal this season.

Yours cordially,
Clara E. Randall

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February 14, 1939

17-33-182

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

My dear Dr. DuBois;

If Mr. Barnes were here, he would want to write you, I know, of his appreciation for the fine address which you gave last Sunday.

In his absence, I am sending the honorarium of $100.00, to the address which you gave us by wire. Yesterday was a bank holiday, so we were unable to send the check sooner.

With best wishes in behalf of the Club, I am,

Yours cordially,

Clara E. Randall
Executive Secretary

17-33-178

February 25, 1939

My dear Miss Randall:

I want to thank you for the opportunity of speaking at Orchestra Hall. It was an interesting occasion. I trust that Mr. Barnes will soon be restored to health.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Clara E. Randall
Chicago Sunday Evening Club
10 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

[Univ. of Chicago Chapel Union]

January 10, 1939

17-38-44

My dear Sir:

Which of the following subjects do you think would be most appropriate February twelfth and at what hour does the meeting take place:

1. The Present Relation of Africa to European Peace

2. The Effect of War and Depression upon the American Negro

3. The Ethics of Racial Distinctions

I shall arrive in Chicago Saturday, February eleventh, in the afternoon and my address will be c/o Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones, 4809 Indiana Avenue, Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The University of Chicago

The University Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 11, 1939

17-38-50

My Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing on behalf of a large student Organization belonging to the Chapel, and known as the Chapel Union, to ask if you have an evening engagement for February 12, the day of your sermon here.

If, perchance, you have no evening speaking engagement we should like you to speak to our group at 7:30. We can make topic arrangements later if you feel that it will be possible for you to be with us. I am enclosing a copy of our weekly newssheet that will give you an idea of our work.

Cordially yours,

Emma B. Pitcher

Mrs. W. A. Pitcher
Assistant to Dean
Gilkey and for the
Chapel Union.

[UNIV. OF CHICAGO CHAPEL UNION]

January 16, 1939

17-38-51

My dear Madam:

I regret that I cannot speak to your chapel group Sunday night, February 12. I shall be speaking at Orchestra Hall.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. W. A. Pitcher
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The University of Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 20, 1939

17-38-52

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Your inquiry of the 10th came while I was giving a series of lectures at the University of Virginia, and I am sorry for the inevitable delay in this reply.

Your appointment here on February 12 is the regular Sunday morning Chapel service of the University at 11:00 a.m. It is broadcast over WGN and has a very wide hearing throughout the central west. The strong desire of the radio people that the address should be completed before the service goes off the air at the stroke of twelve, and the loud complaints when this is not the case, make it important that the address be finished not later than 11:57. Since you will be speaking before 11:25, you can count upon from thirty to thirty-five minutes for the address. The Gothic shape and size of this large Chapel, however, make it necessary to speak a little more slowly than in a smaller place, and some allowance should be made for this fact in estimating the length of the address.

We should not like to restrict in any way your own choice of a subject which you feel to be appropriate for discussion at a religious service of public worship. In view of the fact that the first two subjects which your letter lists are of a type frequently discussed by lecturers and in conferences in the academic and especially the social science divisions of the University, my own impression would be that your third subject, "The Ethics of Racial Distinction", would be specially appropriate for our own auspices, and would be less likely to be adequately presented under other University auspices. We find that our own students and faculty are quick to sense the fact when addresses here in the Chapel traverse the same ground that is frequently covered in lectures and classrooms; and they feel that the Sunday morning service should stress the ethical and religious aspect of current questions. This is my only reason for inclining to the third subject as compared with the other two.

I enclose a copy of the order of service which will be used that morning. Your only responsibility will be for the address and I shall conduct the entire service. A gown is provided for

your use in this office but we hope you will bring your own hood. I note the address at which you will be staying and will answer inquiries as to your plans in that sense.

Please plan to reach the Chapel office not later than 10:45 that morning.

With cordial personal greetings and much anticipation of your visit,

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

Charles W. Gilkey

CWG:H

17-38-53

The University of Chicago

The University Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 2, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

12-33-167

We shall be needing to announce your subject on February 12 not later than next Wednesday the 8th. Unless I hear from you to the contrary by that time, I shall announce as your subject, the one listed third in your letter of January 10, "The Ethics of Racial Distinctions", about which I wrote you rather fully on the 20th. If you have planned any change in that subject, please let me know by return mail.

The lesson in our service is regularly read by a student. If there is any passage, in the Bible or out of it, which you would particularly like as background for your address, will you indicate it at the same time, so that the student can familiarize himself with it? In general, it is advisable to choose a selection not much over ten verses, or its equivalent, in length.

Mrs. Gilkey and I are hoping to have you as our guest for dinner at 5802 Woodlawn Avenue, following the service. We would like to invite at the same time, Dr. and Mrs. Julian H. Lewis, Associate Professor of Pathology, who is the Faculty Counselor of our Negro Club, and some students, both white and colored, who are very much interested in race relations on our own campus. We hope very much that this will be agreeable to you and consistent with your other engagements. Please let us know at the same time whether we may count upon you for Sunday dinner.

With great anticipation of your visit,

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

Charles W. Gilkey

CWG:H

February 6, 1939

17-33-168

My dear Sir:

This is to confirm my subject for February twelfth "The Ethics of Racial Distinctions". I shall be very glad to dine with you and Mrs. Gilkey after the service.

I should be glad to have read: Countee Cullen's "Shroud of Color" first thirty-three lines in Color, Harpers, 1925, pages twenty-six and seven.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The University of Chicago

The University Chapel

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 15, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have had several requests from radio and other hearers for copies of your address last Sunday morning in this Chapel. It is our custon, when manuscripts are available and loaned to us for the purpose, to make duplicates for those who request them. I realize that your address of Sunday was the substance of a lecture which you are using on other occasions, and that it is possible you may not wish to have it duplicated and put into the hands of perhaps ten hearers. It is also possible that you may not wish to spare even for a few days, your own manuscript. Please be perfectly frank on both points. We will make duplicates and return the manuscript promptly to you, if you feel free to loan it; or we will tell our correspondents that no manuscript is available -- as you may prefer.

The enclosed letter presents another type of request. Mr. Barnett of the Associated Negro Press called up on Monday to ask for an immediate copy of your address, which had deeply impressed him, for quotation or partial publication that same day, assuming that we already had the manuscript. I told him I would forward his request to you, and gather that he is writing you about the matter direct. Meanwhile, here is his letter sent in my care.

At Lawrence College Sunday evening an important member of the Faculty there spoke with great enthusiasm of your address, which he had heard over the radio. The enclosed note from Rabbi Mann is typical of others we have received: I shall of course send him a copy if one is available. We are all very grateful to you for coming, and hope that the Sunday was not too heavy a one.

You will be happy to know that the morning mail brings President L. P. Hill's acceptance to speak for us here on February 11, 1940. With cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

Charles W. Gilkey

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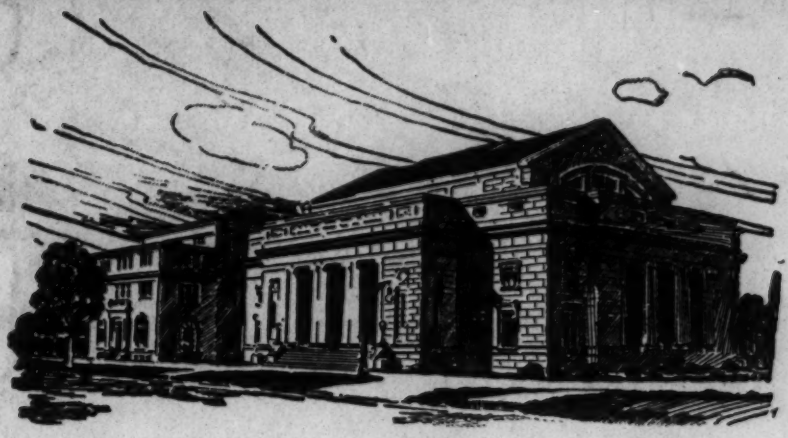
CWG:H

17-38-60

DR. LOUIS L. MANN
RABBI



Chicago Sinai Congregation
4600 SOUTH PARKWAY

February
14th
1939

17-38-59

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Charles:

I had one of my periodic colds and could not preach Sunday morning. It was worth being ill to hear the address Mr. Du Bois gave at the Chapel. I am wondering whether you have a copy of it or whether any would be available.

Ruth joins in kindest greetings to all of you.

Sincerely,

Louis

LLM:SB

February 17, 1939

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

In answer to your letter of February fifteenth, please permit me to say since Dr. Du Bois will not return to his desk before the latter part of the month, I am forwarding copies of the letters to him.

Sincerely y urs,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

February 20, 1939

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

Dr. Du Bois has requested me to send you the enclosed copy of his speech delivered February twelfth.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

17-38

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

[Chicago, University of]

The Interchurch Council

at the University of Chicago

February 21, 1939

ROBERT B. GIFFEN
Counselor

5709 KIMBARK AVENUE
Midway 0441

17-38-57

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, P
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from a friend of mine, J. R. Fitzharris, Turin, Michigan, in which you may be interested.

We have advised Mr. Fitzharris that a copy of your lecture in this Chapel on the 12th will be forwarded to him as soon as duplicates are available, from this office. The other questions, however, you will undoubtedly wish to answer yourself.

Cordially yours,

Robert B. Giffen

RBG:h
Enc.

[Endosure]

Twin, Michigan
Feb 12. 1939

Dear Bob,

I was very much attracted by the point of view and clarity of mind of Dr. W. E. De Bois (?) who spoke over N.B.C. from your church today. If it were possible would you try to get a copy of his speech for me. Also if he has written any books on racial problems would you give me the titles. Also any citations of ~~his~~ magazine articles which he has written would be appreciated.

Trusting that Ethel et family are well and happy, I remain,

Truly yours,
Red Fitzharris

17-38-58

February 24, 1939

17-38-62

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

I want to thank you very much for the opportunity of speaking at the University of Chicago and also to express my obligation to Mrs. Gilkey for her hospitality.

I am eclosing the addresses of a few other persons who would like to have copies of my address:

Dr. R. M. Kazmarek
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Mr. Sudhindra Bose
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Mr. S. C. Watkins
Follett Book Company
1255 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

March 16, 1939

My dear Mr. Gilkey:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to send you the name of another person who wishes a copy of his address:

Mr. John A. Davis
11 North Jefferson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Very sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. CWarles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

March 20, 1939

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My dear Mr. Gilkey:

Here are the names of two other persons wishing a copy of Dr. Du Bois' address:

Mr. Douglas Firse
5644 Calumet Avenue
Chicago

Mr. George W. Underwood
3639 South Parkway
Chicago

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Gilkey
University of Chicago
Chicago

[1939]

January 3, 1939

17-38-42

My dear Mr. Kingsley:

I shall be very glad to speak for you February twentieth. The only engagements that I have in Chicago are those indicated in the letter of Miss Diggs. I shall take no others on the southside. I shall be very glad to lead the panel discussion on consumers cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Rev. Harold M. Kingsley
Church of the Good Shepherd
5712 Prairie Avenue
New York City

February 25, 1939

I-38-45

My dear Mr. Kingsley:

I was sorry you were not in Chicago at the time of my speech but everything seemed to go off well. I thank you for the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Rev. Harold M. Kingsley
Church of the Good Shepherd
5700 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

P. S. I left in the church a book, Kallen's RISE AND DECLINE OF THE CONSUMER. It has my name in it. I used it for the lecture. Please see if you can find it and return it to me. I shall be greatly obliged.

Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, Pastor
5712 PRAIRIE AVENUE
ENGLEWOOD 6538

Church of the Good Shepherd

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Fifty-Seventh Street and Prairie Avenue

Chicago

17-20-20

December 5, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Mr. Kingsley is wondering if you are coming to Chicago. If so, we want you to come out to Good Shepherd. Kindly let us have a word from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Clara B. Douglas
Secty to Mr. Kingsley

December 13, 1939

17-20-21

My dear Mr. Kingsley:

Answering your letter of December fifth, I beg to say that I could speak at the Church of the Good Shepherd on the night of Monday, February twelfth. My charge would be fifty dollars. I will be glad to hear from you if that suits you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Reverend Harold M. Kingsley
Church of the Good Shepherd
5700 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Fifty-Seventh Street and Prairie Avenue

Chicago

December 30, 1939

12-20-23

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

We are in receipt of your kind letter of December 13, and are scheduling you here for February 12, 1940. It would be to our advantage if you had no other engagements on the South Side at this time. However, we shall be very glad to have you under any conditions. Will you kindly send us a list of your possible subjects.

Sincerely,

Harold M. Kingsley.

K/d

[City Club]

THE CLEVELAND NEWS

The Exclusive Evening News of the Associated Press

EDITORIAL ROOMS

17-20-33

Dear Dr.DuBois:

Harry E.Davis tells me you will come to speak at the City Club Saturday Forum on February 10th, which is very good news. We will be glad to pay $75.00 for the expenses up here, and as we get closer to the date would you write me as to what topic you will speak on. I think you know the City Club is the leading Forum on Public Affairs in Cleveland. It likes to stay as close as possible to topics in the news.

Sincerely,

J R Howard

Chairman, Public Affairs
Committee, City Club.

Dr.W.E.DuBois,
Pres., University of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Gla.
9 October 1 9 3 9.

[City Club]

October 12, 1939

12-20-34

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of October ninth. This is to confirm my engagement to speak at the City Club Saturday Forum, February tenth, 1940. I am enclosing a list of my subjects. I will be willing, of course, to change them in any way which would bring them nearer to current news.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. R. Howard
c/o The Cleveland News
Cleveland, Ohio

[Classified Municipal Employees Ass of Baltimore, Credit Union of the]

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 28, 1939

Gentlemen:

17-36-13

My daughter, Yolande Du Bois Williams, teacher in the public schools owes you, I believe, $120, balance of a $200 loan made December 2, 1938 as shown by the enclosed card. I am sending my check for the sum of $120 to pay this loan. If there is any further balance for interest, etc. will you kindly let me know in the enclosed envelope. If not, will you kindly send Mrs. Williams a receipt for payment in full.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Credit Union
121 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland

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OF BALTIMORE CITY
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CITY HALL

17-36-14

September 1, 1939

Account 133-51 A-62T
Dept. of Education

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
36 W. 110th St.,
Apt. 5B,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of Aug. 28th in which you enclosed a check for $120.00 to be applied on your daughter's account.

As you will note from the enclosed receipt card, the balance as of July 1st was $130.00 not $120.00 as you state.

We have applied $2.60 as interest from July 1st to Aug. 30th and $117.40 on the principal leaving a balance of $12.60. We have figured the interest of $.03 up to Sept. 5th, so if you will send us a check for $12.63 it will close her account.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Lehmann,
Assistant Treasurer.

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Ck #12.63 sent Sept 2 1939

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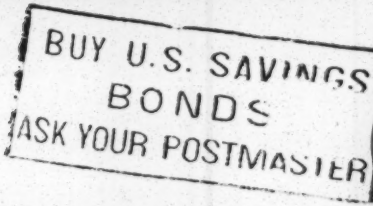

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Sunday Evening Club,
1340 Otis Building,
10 So La Salle St.,
Chicago,
Ill.

17-38-72 Chicago, Ill.,
Feb 13, 1939.

Gentlemen:

I attended your service last night and thoroughly enjoyed the extremely informative address by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois. as a result I would like to know if it is possible to secure copies of his address. If so what is the procedure to secure same. also some facts concerning him, as was given when he was introduced last night. W. E. Cae
6628 Kimbark Ave.

17-33-74

6678 Kimbark ave.,
Chicago, Ill.,
March 24, 1939

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I received the copy of "Progress by Poverty" and am enclosing fifty cents in stamps to cover the cost of typing and mimeographing.

Very truly yours
W.E. Cole

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Columbian Educational Association
Washington, D.C.
Cardozo High School

March 31, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Lectures [illegible]

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Columbian Educational Association of Washington, D. C., in cooperation with the 75th Anniversary celebration of Negro Education in the District of Columbia has tentative plans for a mass meeting at which they wish to present a prominent Negro educator.

This meeting would take place the latter part of May. The Executive Committee of the Association voted to extend to you an invitation to address this meeting if you are available and should our plans materalize.

Kindly let me know whether you are available the latter part of May and all information concerning fees, etc.

Respectfully yours,

W. T. Davis

W. T. Davis, Cor. Secretary

17-38-1

April 4, 1939

17-38-2

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of March 31, I may say that I can speak in Washington the latter part of May. My charge would be seventy-five dollars which would include my travel expenses and board.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. T. Davis
Columbian Educational Association
Cardozo High School
Washington, D. C.

Dates preferred May 25-31

[Commission on Interracial Coop.]

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May 17, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

A cordial invitation is extended to you to hear Dr. Karl G. Myrdal, distinguished professor of economics from the University of Stockholm, who will speak at the annual meeting of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in the Library of Atlanta University at eight o'clock Wednesday evening May 24.

Dr. Myrdal has been a member of the Swedish Senate and of the Finance Ministry which has had to do with the development of Sweden's economic policies. He speaks English fluently and will discuss some of the methods used in dealing with the problems of what is perhaps the most successful democracy in the world. There will be an opportunity for questions following the address.

Dr. Myrdal was brought to the United States by the Carnegie Corporation to make a study of certain economic and social problems, particularly in the South. He has attracted wide and favorable attention in Washington, where he has been in consultation with Government officials.

We regret that we cannot extend a general invitation to the public. We are, however, asking a few people from the faculties of the local colleges and universities to hear Dr. Myrdal as guests of the Commission, and we hope that you will find it possible to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Will W. Alexander

Will W. Alexander

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January 21, 1939.

Mr. William E. B. Du Bois,
210 West 150th St.,
New York, N. Y.

17-31

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Jobs for everybody -- permanent provisions for full employment in useful developments, activities and industrial expansion elimination of the gross economic instability to which the country has been subjected. This must be the immediate objective of responsible democracy for its preservation.

Such an economic program has been adopted by the Commonwealth Federation, and is summarized in the enclosed printed statement. Its object is to get prompt action and results. Responsibility for organization and promotion has been placed with this Committee.

We are eager to have your approval, and membership on the "Council of Sponsors". We should appreciate also any individual efforts and suggestions, together with such financial contribution as you feel justified to make for the work, -- which is most vital for business, as well as for labor, agriculture and all other economic interests.

Will you forward your acceptance promptly and contribute what you can? This is the crucial time for action. We must move forward with maximum speed, and all available financial and personal support. Present recovery trends must be sustained, and another economic breakdown stopped before it starts.

Very sincerely yours,

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

John Bauer, Chairman.
Maurice Gans,
Wm. J. F. Hannemann.

Enclosure.
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[Enc.]

THE COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION

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ECONOMIC PROGRAM and PLAN OF ACTION

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1. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND NEEDS

The welfare of the American people depends on the natural resources, farms, industries, financial institutions, and the government of the United States. When these are functioning harmoniously, they provide for a high standard of living. When they are in disharmony, economic activity collapses, and the masses of people are subjected to the ravages of unemployment, poverty and demoralization.

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Economic harmony means continuity of full employment and maximum production according to the technological capacity of the country. Planning and coordination are necessary to meet the needs and provide for the welfare of the masses of people. Such harmony cannot be achieved and maintained under prevailing private enterprise, because this cannot assume the necessary responsibility toward the welfare of the country as a whole; consequently the existing private economy is extremely unstable and inadequate, as tragically demonstrated by the past ten years of depression. By itself, it cannot maintain full employment, and cannot provide adequacy, abundance and continuity of production.

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The federal government is the only agency which, acting in cooperation with the states, local governments, private industry and labor, can attain and preserve the needed harmony. It represents all economic groups of the country on a democratic basis and has the central power of planning and coordination. For the purpose of placing responsibility definitely upon the government for the maintenance of economic stability and progress, the Commonwealth Federation submits an immediate two-phase program to be established through national legislation.

2. THE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC PROGRAM

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The first and direct phase applies to the federal government itself. This should assure jobs to everybody through useful public developments and activities carried out by a suitable planning and administrative agency. Such governmental employment should be extended promptly on an adequate scale to bring everybody capable of work back into useful production, and subsequently should be systematically coordinated with private business so as to maintain constantly full employment and production.

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The kinds of developments and activities would consist primarily of economic fields which are important to national welfare, but are not being adequately taken care of by private enterprise, and do not fit the normal pattern of private economy. The most important of these is housing. Other important fields are flood control, highway development, reforestation, soil conservation, health, educational and recreational facilities, scientific research, and like enterprises contributing to the welfare of the country at large.

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The second phase consists of governmental efforts to bring about and maintain maximum balanced production and employment of private business. Every industry should produce constantly as much as possible according to mass needs and welfare. To this end, government should establish close cooperation with all private industries, develop standards of interindustrial coordination and democratic planning, and furnish such financial assistance as may be justified for stimulation of maximum production for national welfare.

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The two phases of governmental effort to bring about promptly a national economy of balanced abundance are represented by two bills sponsored by the Commonwealth Federaton and offered for consideration by Congress. The first is "The National Development Authority Act," which provides for governmental projects and activities as the direct means of assuring constantly full employment and production. The second is "The Industrial Expansion Act," which seeks maximum balanced production by private business through democratic coordination and an assured market. The two are directed to the same objective of maintaining constancy of full employment and maximum production obtainable through the country's natural, technological and human resources, for the welfare of the masses of people.

3. ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES TO ATTAIN THE PROGRAM

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The sponsorship of these bills will include appropriate and vigorous efforts to bring about their enactment by Congress. To this end the Federation will exert its energies and will stress particularly the following special activities:

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Conduct an educational and publicity campaign regarding the program through newspapers, periodicals, radios and public meetings.

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Organize membership groups in the various cities for local sponsorship of the program.

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Induce joint sponsorship by all other groups interested in the same purposes.

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Focus public attention upon the bills before Congress, and induce members to support the measures.

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4. MEMBERSHIPS AND FEES

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To pay the expense of the campaign for the attainment of the program requires substantial funds. These are derived through membership fees and contributions. Membership fees are $1.00 a year for associate members, and $3.00 for regular members. The contributions come from sustaining memberships, based upon the ability and interest of the individuals or groups.

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Because of the vital national importance of meeting promptly the terrible unemployment situation, and then maintaining constantly full employment and maximum production, extraordinary efforts and united support of mass membership are required. Everybody should join and contribute as liberally as he can to the funds needed for successful attainment of the program. All funds are fully safeguarded for their purposes, and there is complete accounting to the membership.

Fill out following blank and mail to:

COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION OF NEW YORK

Room 1711

315 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone STuyvesant 9-0516

Date.....

I hereby apply for membership in the Commonwealth Federation, and pledge myself to give of my time, energy and resources, so far as I am able, to promote its economic program and plan of action.

Signed.....

☐ **ASSOCIATE ($1 per year)**

☐ **REGULAR ($3 or more per year)**

(Check membership desired)

(Dues are payable quarterly or annually in advance. First payment must accompany this application.)

Name .....

Address .....

5M: 12-6-38

17-19-55

Earl Conrad
Apt. 53-2
316 W. 93 Street
New York, N.Y.

June 8th, 1939.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Great Barrington
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Oswald Garrison Villard has suggested that I get in touch with you in connection with a biography which I am writing on Harriet Tubman.

I am in quest of any information I can obtain on her life and contribution. Possibly in the course of your own researches into American Negro history you may have come upon material that is not in the standard bibliographies on Harriet Tubman. I am in particular tracking down her war record, which was very extensive and which was the high point of her life rather than her Underground Railroad work. She served in South Carolina between 1861 and 1864, and for the remainder of the war served at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. I am trying to get documents, letters, recollections, etc. on this period. I am in search of any leaflets or posters which may have been issued offering rewards for her capture as I believe some of these may still be in existence.

Perhaps you can make some suggestions about possible sources of information.

I shall be glad to make acknowledgment in my book for any aid which you may be able to extend.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Earl Conrad

17-19-56

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 2, 1939

My dear Sir:

Your letter of June 8 has just reached me. I regret to say that I have no original material concerning Harriet Tubman. It is possible that Carter G. Woodson, editory of the Journal of Negro History, Washington, D. C. may help you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Earl Conrad
Apartment 53-2
316 West 93 Street
New York City

17-28-41

Henderson Inst.
Henderson, N. C.
July 11th, 1939.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:-

I note in the Afro American the advertisement of your late book, "Black Folk Then and Now". I desire to obtain the book, I shall therefore appreciate it if you will inform me of the price and where it can be secured.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cotton

J. A. Cotton.

May 31, 1939

My dear Dr. Cromwell:

From time to time I have had a more or less hazy scheme of reviving the American Negro Academy. We need a general planning body among Negroes; not for advertising and publicity but for quiet, thoughtful study periodically carried out. Possibly a revived Negro Academy might fill this bill. At any rate will you tell me this: when was the last official meeting of the Academy and who were its officers and members? I shall be glad to know.

12-26-91

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Otelia Cromwell
Miner Teachers College
Washington, D. C.

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17-33-22

June 9, 1939

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, 1939. I have looked over my father's papers, but regret that I have been unable to find the information requested. I do think, however, that the plan to revive the Academy is a fine one.

Best regards to Mrs. DuBois.

Very sincerely yours,

Otelia Cromwell

I enjoyed your article in The English Scholar.

17-33-23

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 3, 1939

My dear Dr. Cromwell:

In your letter of June 19 you said that you were unable to find the information requested concerning the Academy but that you approved the idea of its revival. But you see, of course, nothing can be done without at least the names of the members. It seems to me there must be among your father's papers a list of members or a mailing list. I hope you will not think me too insistent if I ask that at your leisure you look again.

I hope you and your sister are having a good summer.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Otelia Cromwell
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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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August 5, 1939

Request for information

15-31-730

DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MY DEAR DR. DUBOIS:

I AM SEEKING SOME HELP ON THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE SOUTHERN NEGRO. I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU IF YOU WILL GIVE ME A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR OPINION REGARDING THE EFFECT ON THE NEGRO RACE OF THE FAILURE OF WHITE SOUTHERN CHRISTIANS TO MEASURE UP TO A CHRISTIAN STANDARD OR DEALING WITH THE NEGRO; AND WHAT WE CAN DO NOW TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO DEAL WITH THE RELATIONSHIP OF OUR OWN CHURCH TO THE SOUTHERN NEGRO. SINCE THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF ALL THE OTHER SOUTHERN WHITE CHURCHES, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNOW OUR SPECIFIC HISTORY. I AM ATTACHING HERETO A COPY OF A LETTER I AM SENDING TO A NUMBER OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS WITH THE THOUGHT THAT IT MAY BE A GUIDE TO YOU.

WOULD YOU TELL ME OF ANY SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO ME IN THIS STUDY?

I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR HELP VERY MUCH.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

William Crowe, Jr.

WCJR/DB:ENC

WILLIAM CROWE, JR.
Minister

(15-31-131)

35 West 110th Street
Apartment 5-B
New York City
August 9, 1939

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of August 5, I beg to say that I think the chief effect of the attitude of white Christians toward Negroes in the United States is to establish in their minds a double standard of truth. They have come to think that one must expect in this world professions and expressions of ideals which have nothing to do with actual conduct and consequently all truth has two sides: one, an ideal expression; the other, a practical series of acts. Although the first may be of the highest and finest promise, the latter may be the most selfish and self-seeking.

Back of all this as far as your church is concerned rises the fundamental fact that your church is an expression of economic organization, a group for social purposes with members composed of persons for the most part who receive an income above the average and whose primary solicitude is to protect that interest. Whatever ethical action does not interfer with that income is permissable and encouraged and often exceedingly well done. On the other hand, any action or program that threatens income has little chance for recognition and none for adoption.

The best works that I know of with regard to the relation of the Presbyterian Church to the Negro is the book by a Reverend Matthew Anderson entitled THE NEGRO AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, publish in Philadelphia between 1890 and 1900. The other works are other writings, pamphlets and published sermons of the Reverend Francis J. Grimke, a colored man who for many years was the minister of a large and intelligent group of colored folk in Washington. He is dead but the church is still there and a letter to the present minister would bring you information.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend William Crowe, Jr.
First Presbyterian Church
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